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# The Echo

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## Spencer O'Brien

Born in tiny Alert Bay off northern Vancouver Island, then groomed to ride by her parents and older sisters at Mount Washington and Whistler, the soon-to-be 25-year-old is a double world champion in snowboard slopestyle and poised to win for Canada at the 2014 Olympics.

Snowboard slopestyle makes its Olympic debut in Sochi, Russia, along with ski slopestyle and ski halfpipe. Canadians are at the head of the class in all three disciplines as the IOC tries to capture some of the youthful exuberance and free-spiritedness that has made the X Games such a rousing success.

O'Brien, who describes herself on her Twitter site as a professional snowboarder, part-time baker and shopaholic, is looking for her first X Games gold this Saturday, fresh off a win last weekend at the FIS world championships in Stoneham, Quebec.

O'Brien, who now calls North Vancouver home and who won the Ticket to Ride snowboarding tour's world championship in 2012, said: "I've been to seven X Games now and had success with bronze and silver back-to-back (in 2008-09) and I'm really looking for that gold.

"I'm super prepared and and I really love the course. It's a very long slopestyle course with four rails and four jumps. ESPN has listened to a lot of feedback from riders.

"They've created an amazing course that flows really well. I'm excited, having a lot of fun (in practice). Hopefully, I can put down the run that leads to the gold medal."

Story by Gary Kingston, the Vancouver Sun



It was so nice to enjoy the sunshine this past month. Just when we thought we were in the middle of Winter, Spring snuck up on us and made the day a little brighter. Don't forget it is still winter! We have some great tips on our web site for winter driving and winter water.

Photos by Heather Nelson-Smith

## WHAT A BEAUTIFUL JANUARY!

## SAFETY

If you go walking in fog, rain, or at night, be aware that it can be difficult for vehicles to see you! Stay safe by wearing high visibility clothing.



## COME WALK WITH US!

Submit your km to the Village Office as we walk across Canada! We have made it to Vancouver so far!

## TAX CLINIC

Tax returns for income under \$20 000 free in the Village Office Sunday March 2, 2pm.

## RUN FOR COUNCIL!

This is a municipal election year! Vote on Saturday, November 15. Stay tuned for info in the ECHO.

## Let's talk SEWERS

Thanks to the City of Terrace for posting this on Facebook so we can share it with you!

We all know that at some point we have been guilty of not following the 3 P's. We need to be more conscious about what we are flushing.

The Village has found diapers, mops, jewelry and household garbage in our sewer lines.

Let's all pledge to follow the 3 P's!

Thanks for your cooperation.



## Reminders

- 2014 Dog Licenses are due
- Business licenses are required for all who work on Cormorant Island.
- Burning permits are available at the Village Office
- Citizen comment forms are available in the office or web site
- Proof of commercial status is required for all commercial boats in the Alert Bay Harbour.
- Council meetings are every 2nd and 4th Wednesday!

## 2014 Port McNeill Ferry Shutdown

**Construction Schedule:**  
June - November 2014  
**Berth Closure:**  
October 1 - 28, 2014

- Alternate service to include: water taxi (foot passengers); tug & barge (commercial customers)
- Open houses will be held in Port McNeill, Sointula and Alert Bay in the spring of 2014

### Construction work will include:

- Removal and replacement of the trestle, vehicle loading ramp, wingwalls and dolphins
- New wider trestle and ramp for improved geometry and loading/offloading efficiency
- New waiting room and utility building

**BC Ferries**

## ALERT BAY CHORUS

Join the Alert Bay Chorus! Rehearsals are Wednesdays, 7-9pm at Christ Church Chapel.

## Parlez-vous français?

French conversation group, Thursday evenings at 6:30! Email Liz Robins for more info: [elizabeth.robins@nic.bc.ca](mailto:elizabeth.robins@nic.bc.ca)

## SENIORS HEALTH

Pick up a Seniors Healthy Eating guide at the Village Office, Alert Bay Drugs or Maya'ant Elders Centre!

## EMAIL BILLING

Let the Village Office know if you would like to receive utility bills by email! 974-5213 or [officeclerk@alertbay.ca](mailto:officeclerk@alertbay.ca)

## COMMUNITY CLEANUP

1-3 pm Saturday, Feb. 22  
Meet at the town square.  
Supplies provided!

# Recycling Changes in MAY

The Provincial Government and Union of BC Municipalities has been working to make paper and packaging producers responsible for removing residential recyclables. For more than 20 years each respective community has dealt with their own recyclables. Now, the Village of Alert Bay, and the 162 municipalities and Regional Districts in BC are working with Multi Material BC to provide residential recycling that benefits communities.

### What this means for Alert Bay:

1. We will be able to mix all of our curbside recycling together for garbage truck pickup. Currently, we sort recyclables at the curb. It is sorted further at the depot for transport off-island. We will be able to take more material more quickly.
2. We will no longer have to pay for recyclables to leave the island.
3. Our depot will be able to accept additional items we have not accepted before, including Styrofoam, glass and plastic film. Currently we do not take any of these items.

### We have to start making changes now to ensure that we are ready in May.

In May, we will only be able to have 3% contamination in our curbside recycling. Contamination means items that are not acceptable at curbside, such as depositables: pop and liquor bottles, Styrofoam, plastic film and glass.

**This is why we can no longer accept depositable items such as pop and liquor bottles at the curb. Please take them back for refund at the place of purchase. You can take them to the recycling depot, but no refund will be offered.**

We understand that this will inconvenience some of our customers, and we apologize.

Please contact Pete Nelson-Smith, Superintendent of Public Works at 250-974-7091 if you have any questions.

Thank you for your cooperation.



## Community Hall Upgrades

Have you seen the work happening at the Community Hall? In 2012, the Village of Alert Bay received a grant from the Ministry of Community Sport and Cultural Development for \$485,000 for a new Skatepark and upgrades to the Community Hall. We completed the Skatepark in spring of 2013 and started the upgrades to the exterior of the Community Hall in early January.




































We are installing 4-inch insulation, renewing the gutters and downspouts, reviving the windows on the ground level, repairing all posts, building new timber-framed canopies over the entrances, and installing metal siding on the upper portion of the Hall.

The Hall is still open and we are offering more recreation opportunities! This includes Yoga classes, and Friday Night Bowling. We are looking for volunteers to assist the Village in offering community programs such as indoor soccer and dancing. Look for more information at the Village Office or our website, [www.alertbay.ca](http://www.alertbay.ca).

# Coming Events

Responsible Pet Owners Month!



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
THESE GROUNDHOGS ARE THE BEST OF FRIENDS 						1 ICE CREAM FOR BREAKFAST DAY! 
2 GROUNDHOG DAY! 	3 	4 THANK A MAILPERSON DAY! 	5 	6 	7 WINTER OLYMPICS START! 	8 
9 READ IN THE BATH TUB DAY! 	10 FAMILY DAY! VILLAGE OFFICE CLOSED 	11 TRANSFER STATION CLOSED 	12 COUNCIL MEETING 7PM 	13 	14 VALENTINE'S DAY! 	15 GUMDROP DAY! 
16 	17 	18 	19 CHOCOLATE MINT DAY! 	20 SHOPRITE DISCOUNT DAY! 	21 	22 COMMUNITY CLEAN-UP! TOWN SQUARE 1PM 
23 WINTER OLYMPICS END! 	24 TORTILLA CHIP DAY! 	25 	26 ANTI-BULLYING DAY! 	27 	28 HOLY SMOKE IT'S MARCH TOMORROW DAY! 	

## Winter Bowling Schedule

Friday Nights 7-9pm  
February 7, 21, 28 March 7 & 14

Cost for 3 games: Regular  
Children 0-11 \$2.00  
Teens 12-18 \$3.00  
Adults 19-150 \$3.75  
Shoe rental \$.50

Cosmic \$2.50  
\$3.50  
\$4.25

