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**Village Office Hours**

M-F 9:00AM - 5:00PM

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M-F 12:00PM - 4:00PM

**SERVICE CONTACTS**

**Public Works &**

**After Hours Emergency**

250-974-7091

**Animal Control**

250-974-4188

**Boat Harbour**

250-974-5727

**Community Hall**

250-974-5448

**Fire Hall**

250-974-5332

**Visitor Centre**

(off season)

250-974-5213

**Campground**

250-974-7028

**EMERGENCY- 911**

## FRAUD ALERT!

*See details of recent  
cheque fraud  
attempts inside.*

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## HAPPY VALENTINE'S!



### PICKLEBALL ROCKS... ALERT BAY STYLE!

Our Alert Bay Pickleball program has grown in no-time from just "that game with a funny name" to a roster of over 25 newly introduced & enthusiastic Alert Bay PICKLEBALL-ers! On Monday through Thursday nights, the Community Hall is buzzing with high energy physical activity, new friendships, laughter, and quite simply: genuine, wholesome fun. Visions for our future include: training & coaching programs, intra- & inter-island tournaments, independent kids and teen programs, family nights & more. We encourage and welcome all adults 19+ to come out and join us to learn PICKLEBALL for play, exercise, laughter & lots of fun! Drop-in fees are just \$2 or players can purchase a punch card for 11 drop-in sessions for \$20 at the Village Office.

**Happy PICKLEBALL-ing!**

- Deborah

# Vancity

## UPDATE

Cormorant Island Vancity has reached an exciting milestone; the three local staff are ready to operate the branch “on their own”, with remote management support from the Tsawwassen branch. This is the next step towards a sustainable business model for our local credit union.

Miranda Beall has returned to the lower mainland after temporarily living in Alert Bay to support and train staff, help members with the transition to Vancity, and provide financial literacy workshops. Thank you so much for all of your help Miranda - we'll miss you!

## FRAUD ALERT

Some island residents have received cheques in the mail along with a letter claiming that they have won money. The cheques are high quality fakes that appear to be legitimate, but they are not. They contain the resident's full name, a watermark on the back, and an eagle embossed in Gold ink.

Please warn anyone who may be at risk to these scams, especially elders/seniors. If you have any questions, please contact Vancity: 250-974-3165

## NEW AMPHITHEATRE



Entertainers and participants in Alert Bay's Seafest and Music Fest can look forward to enjoying a new covered amphitheatre, paid for in part with a \$38,900 grant from The Island Coastal Economic Trust, for the popular annual weekend of community celebrations.

“Tourists seek out authentic, cultural experiences, and this new facility provides a modern, venue that will attract higher caliber performers,” said Alert Bay Seafest Society President Kim Mercer. “If we want to grow our tourism economy, and keep visitors in our community longer, we need to continue to invest in projects like this one.”

The new amphitheatre will feature the following elements:

- A 25' wide by 25' deep stage
- Peaked and shingled roof designed to maximize acoustics
- Full electrical wiring to accommodate a variety of show requirements
- Theatre style lighting
- Plumbing to support future plans for an adjacent washroom and greenroom

Along with Seafest and Music Fest, the amphitheatre will host 'Namgis First Nation cultural events, night theatre, music performances, and will complement other local attractions on Cormorant Island such as the U'mista Cultural Centre, 'Namgis First Nation Bighouse, and Alert Bay's unique coastal fishing community.

## VOLUNTEER NEEDED



Village Council is seeking a community volunteer to represent Alert Bay on the Tri-Island Ferry Advisory Committee.

The volunteer will attend Advisory Council meetings to speak on behalf of the community and share information at Village Council meetings.

For more information about this important role, please e-mail: [tri-islandfac@alertbay.ca](mailto:tri-islandfac@alertbay.ca)



*Pssst... Grab a pickleball drop-in punchcard from the Village office for just \$20. That's 11 sessions for the price of 10!*

## KIM VAN VELZEN TAKES ON DEPUTY CAO ROLE

The Mayor, Council and CAO are pleased to announce the appointment of Ms. Kim Van Velzen as the Deputy Chief Administrative Officer (DCAO) for the Village of Alert Bay! Kim takes on this important position that became vacant at the end of December, following the resignation of former DCAO, Adriana Proton.

Kim Van Velzen is no stranger in our community and the Village Office, having worked at the Alert Bay branch of the Coastal Community Credit Union from 2012-2014. Following closure of the branch in 2014, Kim joined the Village Office as Administrative Clerk. She has established many close friendships and working relationships that make her a valuable member of Village Staff.

Kim's solid background in financial administration and customer service (having worked for Vancity, CCCU, and CIBC) will complement her expanding her knowledge of the BC Local Government Act and other legislation that governs how we administer Village affairs. After seeing her jump into the Village's annual budget development process, we have no doubt that she will meet the challenges of this demanding position with the same eagerness and professionalism that we have come to know and value so much.

When asked: "what is the most exciting challenge for you in this new position?", Kim responded: "The most exciting challenge for me is to help members of the community to the same degree which they've accepted me. I fell in love with Alert Bay when I came here 4 years ago to work at Coastal Community Credit Union. As Deputy CAO, I'm thankful that I have the opportunity to help residents at an even higher measure and take part in Village operations."

Please join us in congratulating Kim and welcoming her to our Senior (working) Management Team!

**Mayor Michael**

### ALERT BAY ART LOFT GALLERY & GIFT SHOP

2016 Spring Show Schedule and Call for Art!

Jan 22 – Feb 28 :: ART DUE: Jan 17  
SHOW: "Light Fantasies"  
Beat those Winter Blues!

Mar 4 – Apr 10 :: ART DUE: Feb 28  
SHOW: "Luck of the Draw(ing)"  
Any Sort of Drawing

Apr 15 – May 22 :: ART DUE: Apr 10  
SHOW: "Buds & Blooms"  
Spring in the air! Floral.

**WANT TO HAVE YOUR OWN SHOW? CONTACT US!**

Become a member to receive updates,  
or find us on Facebook!

## GARBAGE & RECYCLING REMINDER

### PICKUP DAYS

**Residential Garbage**  
Island-wide  
**Tuesday**

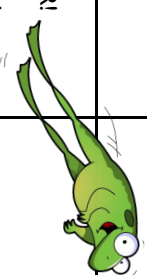
**Residential Recycling**  
Village of Alert Bay and  
Sandyville (RDMW)  
**Wednesday**

'Namgis First Nation, Whe-  
la-la-u Area Council, and  
RDMW on Front Street  
**Thursday**

Reminder: garbage and recycling must be at the curb by 8AM  
to ensure pickup.



# Coming Events

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 PICKLEBALL DROP-IN 6:30PM	2 PICKLEBALL DROP-IN 6:30PM	3 PICKLEBALL DROP-IN 6:30PM	4 PICKLEBALL DROP-IN 6:30PM	5	6 FILM SCREENING: OUR VOICES, OUR STORIES @ UMISTA. 11AM, 1PM, AND 3PM
7	8 FAMILY DAY VILLAGE OFFICE & ICBC CLOSED	9 PICKLEBALL DROP-IN 6:30PM	10 PICKLEBALL DROP-IN 6:30PM	11 PICKLEBALL DROP-IN 6:30PM	12	13
14 VALENTINE'S DAY	15 PICKLEBALL DROP-IN 6:30PM NATIONAL FLAG DAY OF CANADA	16 PICKLEBALL DROP-IN 6:30PM	17 PICKLEBALL DROP-IN 6:30PM	18 PICKLEBALL DROP-IN 6:30PM	19	20
21	22 PICKLEBALL DROP-IN 6:30PM VILLAGE COUNCIL MEETING 7:00PM	23 PICKLEBALL DROP-IN 6:30PM	24 PICKLEBALL DROP-IN 6:30PM SHOP-RITE CUSTOMER & SENIORS APPRECIATION DAY 10% OFF	25 PICKLEBALL DROP-IN 6:30PM	26	27
28	29 LEAP YEAR! PICKLEBALL DROP-IN 6:30PM					

## ECHO SUBMISSIONS

Send your events, photos, stories, poems, and drawings to [echo@albertday.ca](mailto:echo@albertday.ca) by Monday, February 22 for the March issue of the Echo.