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***Did you know?***

*Slopestyle debuted as an Olympic event at the 2014 Winter Olympics.*

*Competitors snow-board down a course, aiming for high altitude off the jumps and performing different tricks that are scored by judges.*

# The Echo

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## SPENCER O'BRIEN COMES HOME

*Alert Bay celebrates its homegrown Olympian*



Alert Bay honoured Spencer O'Brien on May 27 in the 'Namgis Big House, after her Olympic debut this year. O'Brien competed in slopestyle snow boarding at the 2014 Winter Olympics in Sochi, Russia. O'Brien said, "I was just really excited to be part of Team Canada."

Hosted by Barb Cranmer and Kodi Nelson, several hundred Cormorant Island residents came out to recognize O'Brien's accomplishments and to encourage her in future endeavours. The Island's youth were out in force to dance, give thanks, ask for autographs, and pose with a local hero. The evening featured a potluck dinner, and those in attendance enjoyed three rows of tables filled with delicious food.

Thanks to David Faren for the story and photos.



# CREDIT UNION CLOSURE

The 'Namgis First Nation, Village of Alert Bay and Whe-la-la-u Area Council have engaged the services of Headwater Capital Consulting to conduct a Cormorant Island Financial Services Survey of the financial needs of Alert Bay residents and businesses. This survey is being conducted in response to the closure of the Coastal Community Credit Union (CCCU) at Alert Bay, on July 5, 2014.

After more than 60 years of having banking services on Cormorant Island, beginning with the Alert Bay and District Credit Union, this will bring significant hardship to our residents, businesses and organizations. There is no doubt that our banking practices will change in the future, especially given the increasing use of electronic banking tools, but a complete transition away from having physical banking services available to our communities will take some time.

We would like to attract an alternative financial institution to establish a branch at Alert Bay. Any financial institution that may be interested in establishing a branch at Alert Bay will require information about the financial needs of residents and businesses at Alert Bay. This is the information that we are seeking through the survey. We strongly encourage you to participate in the Cormorant Island Financial Services Survey. All information that you provide to Headwater Consulting will be kept confidential, anonymous and not shared with anyone. The results will be reported in aggregate form only.

Joseph Isaac of IVM Business, Kim Peterson of the 'Namgis First Nation and Heather Nelson-Smith of the Village of Alert Bay will assist Headwater Consulting in conducting the survey. Peter van Gils of Headwater Consulting and Joseph Isaac will assist local businesses. Kim Peterson and Heather Nelson-Smith will be available to local residents to complete the surveys and collect completed surveys on behalf of Headwater Consulting.

While we continue to work on attracting alternative financial institutions to Alert Bay, we ask that if possible, that you hold off on moving your accounts from CCCU to another financial institution until early July. The potential to create a unified shift in the island's capital may be the tipping point that improves our options when it comes to the various financial services that we need.

Thank you in advance for your participation in taking the survey, which should take no more than 15 to 20 minutes to complete. This small act will go a long way towards helping us attract an alternative financial institution to our community.

Your data will be anonymous but we will record your name to ensure that each person only completes the survey once. If you have difficulty completing the survey, the Alert Bay Village Office can offer assistance.

Chief Debra Hanuse and Mayor Michael Berry

## *Come walk with us!*

Submit your kilometres to the Village Office as we walk across Canada! We have made it to Vermilion Bay, Ontario.

Vermilion Bay is an unincorporated community on Eagle Lake in the township of Machin, Kenora District in northwestern Ontario, Canada. It is located on Ontario Highway 17 (Trans-Canada highway), between the cities of Kenora to the west and Dryden to the east.

It is reputed to have good lake fishing.



## *Alert Bay Artists Events!*

ALERT BAY GRAD SHOW June 7-29  
OPENING NIGHT RECEPTION June 6 7-9pm

KIDS PAINTING WORKSHOP with  
Sarah Nielsen, Saturday June 7 1-3pm  
Colour mixing practice, landscape painting

ADULT/TEEN OPEN STUDIO  
Mon/Tues June 16/17 7-9pm, \$5

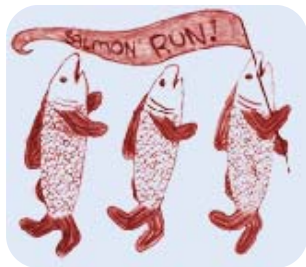
ALERT BAY ARTLOFT LOONIE AUCTION  
June 21 11-3pm @ Council Hall  
Prizes include an iPad mini, homemade quilts, & original art! We are still seeking donations and volunteers! Lasagna and Caesar salad served.

ARTEFEST is only a month away! Artists, it's time to start thinking about what to submit!



## ALERT BAY SALMON RUN

Get moving this summer! This is the time to start training for the Alert Bay Salmon Run. Choose the 5K or 10K walk/run route, or make it a family event with the Kids Fun Run.



## RECYCLING

The new recycling program is now in effect! The Village Office has free recycling bin stickers to help you sort your recyclables!



## ALERT BAY COMMUNICATIONS STRATEGY!

The Village of Alert Bay is working to create a new communications strategy! You can help by completing our survey in July/August. Stay tuned for more details!

# LITTER-FREE ALERT BAY!

*Trash does not belong on the ground or in our oceans*

### **MYTH: Litter control is not important**

**FACT:** No one likes to live where there is litter. Neighbourhoods with a litter problem usually have higher crime, lower property values and less neighbourhood pride. A place that is littered attracts more litter. An abandoned appliance encourages other debris to collect and a dump site results.

### **MYTH: Certain types of people litter**

**FACT:** Many people, regardless of age, income and other factors, are unaware of the dangers of litter and unaware that littering is illegal.

### **MYTH: Littering creates jobs**

**FACT:** Litter costs money. Taxpayers pay when we have to pick up litter.

### **MYTH: No one notices litter**

**FACT:** Litter destroys the beauty of a community. People come from all over the world to see our community. When litter mars their enjoyment, we lose valuable tourist dollars.

### **MYTH: Litter doesn't hurt anyone**

**FACT:** Litter is a safety hazard. Litter is a breeding ground for fire and disease.  
**FACT:** Litter impacts car insurance rates because thousands of auto accidents are litter-related.  
**FACT:** Ingesting, getting tangled in, or getting cut by litter can kill marine life, pets, birds and other wild animals inhabiting our island.  
**FACT:** Litter is a breeding ground for rats, disease-causing bacteria and more litter.

### **MYTH: Litter doesn't affect the economy**

**FACT:** Litter discourages economic development by impacting tourism and real estate values. It is harder to sell a home in a litter-strewn neighbourhood. Many businesses will not choose to operate in a community that cannot effectively control litter.



ALERT BAY

## ART LOFT

GALLERY & GIFT SHOP

When in Alert Bay  
be sure to check out  
**Alert Bay ArtLoft Gallery!**  
Located downtown  
above the Visitor Centre,  
the Gallery features a wide  
variety of local art and  
handmade crafts for  
anyone on your list.

**SUMMER HOURS**  
**Thursday to Sunday 12-3:00**

For more information:  
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# Coming Events

## LGBT Pride Month!



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 GO BAREFOOT DAY! 	2 	3 REPEAT EVERYTHING DAY I SAID, REPEAT EVERYTHING DAY	4 FROYO DAY! 	5 HOT AIR BALLOON DAY! 	6 ALERT BAY SCHOOL CULTURAL CELEBRATION BIG HOUSE 1PM 	7 YO-YO DAY! 
8 	9 CORN ON THE COB DAY! 	10 TULSALAGILAKW SCHOOL CULTURAL CELEBRATION BIG HOUSE 12:30PM 	11 COUNCIL MEETING 7PM! COME FIND OUT WHAT YOUR ELECTED OFFICIALS ARE DOING WITH YOUR TAX MONEY! 	12 JUNE SPORTS! 	13 JUNE SPORTS! 	14 JUNE SPORTS! 
15 JUNE SPORTS! 	16 	17 EAT YOUR VEGETABLES DAY! 	18 SUSHI DAY! 	19 WORLD SAUNTERING DAY! MOSEYING PERMITTED 	20 SHOPRITE DISCOUNT DAY! 	21 FIRST DAY OF SUMMER! 
FATHERS DAY! 	22 CHOCOLATE ECLAIR DAY! 	23 PINK DAY! 	24 SWIM A LAP DAY! 	25 COUNCIL MEETING 7PM! WANT TO RUN FOR COUNCIL THIS YEAR? COME TO A MEETING AND FIND OUT WHAT COUNCIL DOES! 	26 LAST DAY OF SCHOOL ALERT BAY SCHOOL & TULSALAGILAKW SCHOOL 	27 SUNGLASSES DAY! 
29 	30 SHOPRITE SENIOR DISCOUNT DAY! 					28 

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