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CITIZEN AND YOUTH OF THE YEAR

Citizen of the Year – Jamie Guenther

Jamie received 3 nominations to be the 2013 Citizen of the Year. The nomination letters included the following:

"Jamie came to live in Alert Bay in 1972 to be the music teacher for the Alert Bay School. He met the love of his life and the rest is history!"

"Jamie has been an influential teacher and promoter of music in our community for more than 40 years. After retiring from his position in the school system, he carried on with the annual school Christmas concerts with the help of Flora, his wife, and continued to instill the love of music into our youths."

"For the past 10 years Jamie has been the patient maestro for the Alert Bay Chorus with the support of "Oda". You tell me if a few souls were lifted!!"

"Even when the music program was disbanded, he made sure that there were terrific music concerts at Christmas in the Community"

"In addition to all of his work with the school and choir he encourages smaller performances like at the multi-care facility to entertain the residents."

"Jamie also volunteers at his church and was a willing member of the initial garden group."

"He has put in his shifts pulling weeds along the boardwalk!"



Youth Citizen of the Year – Giselle Alfred

Giselle is our 2013 Youth Citizen of the Year! Her nominators say:

"Giselle is a sweet caring, helpful, eager young lady!"

"She is a Youth Volunteer for the youth ladies auxiliary and lends a hand whenever needed."

"She is a dancer at the Portside academy in Port McNeill."

"Dedication is definitely in her nature. I am a PAC parent and Giselle has always been there to lend a hand during setups for coffee houses, sports events, and book fairs."

"She was a great help during Seafest this past year, always willing to do whatever was needed!"

"She is a wonderful young lady and truly deserving of this award!"



Thank you to Jamie and Giselle for exemplifying the spirit of volunteerism on Cormorant Island!

NEW DATE
March 2014
Saturday 01 Mar 14
11:00 a.m. - Noon AGM
Noon - Lunch

POTLATCH COLLECTION GALLERY
& ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
RE-OPENS!

For more info:
250.974.5403

COME WALK WITH US!

Submit your kilometres to the Village Office as we walk across Canada! We have made it to Johnston Canyon, just 30 minutes outside of Banff.

We are travelling the Trans Canada Highway. Here are some facts about the TCH that you probably didn't know:

To qualify as Trans-Canada Highway, the paved road must be at least 6.7 m wide with unpaved shoulders of at least another 3.3 m on either side. Hills cannot exceed six degrees of slope angle, and drivers must always be able to see at least 183 m down the road ahead. It took until 1971 for the full length of the road to be completed to this standard.

Official Community Plan

Village Council wants your opinion on our draft Official Community Plan (OCP)! We have prepared newsletters to help explain and focus on some key areas of the OCP. Here's how you can find out about or let us know what you think about the OCP:

1. Come by the office to pick up your copy of the OCP and/or newsletters
2. You can visit our web site at www.alertbay.ca
3. You can give us a call at 250-974-5213 and we will put copies in the mail for you.
4. Come to our open houses, **Thursday March 13 & 27, 2014, 7:00pm, Community Hall.**
5. We will be accepting written submissions regarding the OCP in April.

Public Hearing– Zoning Change

There will be a Public Hearing at **7:00pm Wednesday May 12, 2014 in the Council Chambers** for Bylaw No. 754, 2014, a bylaw to amend Bylaw No. 418, 1982.

The purpose of the Public Hearing is to review a request to change Lot C– Section 68, Plan 21386 from Commercial 1 (C-1) Zoning to Residential 1 (R-1). The physical street address for the property is 373 Fir Street.



In the drawing on the right, the area in question is black hatched.



ALERT BAY WINTER WONDERLAND!

Thanks to Shannon Alfred for the beautiful photos!

NEW ANIMAL CONTROL PHONE

As of March 1, call 974-4188 for animal control.

TAX CLINIC

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

EMAIL BILLING

Let the Village Office know if you would like to receive utility bills or the Echo by email! 974-5213 officeclerk@alertbay.ca

DEPOSITABLES

Public Works is no longer picking up depositables with your recycling. Return them to the place of purchase for a refund, or take them to the transfer station (no refund). Call or visit the Village Office for info about upcoming changes!



Council Corner

Recap from recent meetings:

- The Village and the 'Namgis FN sponsored Alert Bay DARE with \$470.00 for this year's program
- Council will be budgeting for upgrades at the transfer station to allow enough room for the new recycling program and reduce our costs when our garbage and recycling is picked up
- The Village Council is still looking for a ferry advisory committee member
- The Council has been reading a new Boat Harbour bylaw which will amend wording in regards to live-a-boards, and general usage of the harbour
- Council donated free bowling passes for the T'lisalagi'lakw School Valentine Dance
- Public Works will be upgrading the Village fleet
- The Alert Bay Lions Club requested to do some upgrades on the building at the airport
- The Seafest Society was a delegation at the February meeting to discuss plans for upgrades to Jubilee Park (Community Hall Field) which include an improved bandstand
- Colin Skinner came to the Council meeting to discuss plans around an improved museum
- The tree cutting permit for Remnant Lot 1 plan 1952 (Larch and Poplar) was approved
- Council submitted the following resolution to the Association for Van. Isle. Coastal Communities:

WHEREAS the Fukushima Daiichi Nuclear Disaster

occurred on March 11, 2011 resulting in the catastrophic failure of three nuclear reactors and associated fuel rod storage pools causing the release of significant amounts of radionuclide contamination into the atmospheric and marine environments. The owners of the Daiichi Facility (TEPCO) and the Japanese government, have not been able to contain the marine and atmospheric radionuclide contamination originating from the failed Fukushima Daiichi facility;

AND WHEREAS the 80% of British Columbians who live within 10 miles of the Pacific Ocean, as well as the wide variety of marine and coastal economic stakeholders who rely on ocean and coastal environments deserve to have access to detailed information regarding possible radionuclide contamination associated with the Fukushima Daiichi Nuclear Disaster.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Association of Vancouver Island and Coastal Communities support those British Columbians who are affected by the Fukushima Daiichi Nuclear Disaster by calling on the Province of British Columbia and the Government of Canada to immediately enact the following:

















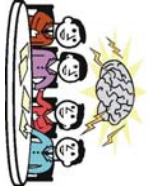

- 1) Convene a panel of institutional and citizen scientists to determine what type and frequency of marine and atmospheric monitoring is required to maintain clear understanding of the environmental impacts of the Fukushima Daiichi Nuclear Disaster on coastal British Columbia;
- 2) Determine the locations where a comprehensive network of marine and terrestrial sensors or other monitoring methodologies will be maintained;
- 3) Commission a website that would both list the raw findings of sensor and environment testing and interpret these data in a clear and transparent manner;
- 4) Open negotiations directly with the government of Japan regarding both the accelerated containment of radionuclide contamination, and full financial support of the cost of the Fukushima Daiichi Nuclear Disaster Monitoring Program on the west coast of BC and Canada.

Best decorated home and business 2013

Awards for 2013 holiday decorating were presented at the February 26 Council meeting. Congratulations to our 2013 best decorated home and business winners, Donna & Norman Stauffer and Shoprite.



Coming Events *Women's history month!*

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					ALSO MARCH 1: U'WISTA POTLATCH COLLECTION REOPENING AND AGM 11AM! 	1 GOSH I LOVE PEANUT BUTTER DAY  
2 POWER OUTAGE 8-9 AM FREE TAX CLINIC! 2PM COUNCIL CHAMBERS	3 IF PETS HAD THUMBS DAY	4 	5	6 HAVE YOU GONE TO THE DENTIST RECENTLY DAY 	7 BOWLING 7PM!	8 INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY! 
9 DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME: SPRING FORWARD 	10 MIDDLE NAME PRIDE DAY!	11 JOHNNY APPLESEED DAY! 	12 COUNCIL MEETING 7PM Everyone welcome!	13 EAR MUFF DAY! 	14 PI DAY! 	15 BEWARE THE IDES OF MARCH! 
16	17 ST. PATRICK'S DAY 	18	19 POULTRY DAY! 	20 IT'S SPRING! HOORAY! SHOPRITE DISCOUNT DAY!	21 	22
23 CHIP & DIP DAY!	24	25 WAFFLE SANDWICH DAY! 	26 	27 SHOPRITE SENIORS DISCOUNT DAY! OCP MEETING 7PM!	28	
30 WALK IN THE PARK DAY!	31 CLAM ON THE HALF-SHELL DAY!		COUNCIL MEETING 7PM			

Winter Bowling Schedule

Friday Nights 7-9pm
March 7 & 14

Cost for 3 games:

Children 0-11
Teens 12-18
Adults 19-150
Shoe rental

Regular

Cosmic

\$2.00
\$3.00
\$3.75
\$4.25
\$2.50
\$3.50
\$4.25
\$1.50

