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***Did you know?**
Leprechauns earn
their gold by
making and
mending shoes.
No wonder they
don't want anyone
to steal it!*

The Echo

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IT'S OFFICIAL!

Jobs available at new Alert Bay Vancity branch

We are pleased to announce that Vancity Credit Union will establish a branch on Cormorant Island later this year. Vancity will offer residents a full suite of banking services, including cash withdrawal and deposit, bill payments, mortgage and loan services, credit card services, investments and financial planning and business banking services.

A Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) was signed February 25 at 12:30pm among Vancity, the 'Namgis First Nation and the Village of Alert Bay. The MOU supports the principles of community sustainability and asks residents and businesses to support on-island banking services by signing up your accounts. We look forward to sharing the exciting details of this transition as they become available.

We wish to thank the steering committee, the financial expertise of Headwater Capital Consulting and the business support of IVM Business Solutions for their hard work and dedication in leading this initiative.

This announcement comes at a pivotal point as the joint Tides of Change Economic Development Strategy is nearing completion. A financial institution is critical in developing a strong, sustainable local economy and Vancity's dedication to these ideals makes for a strong partnership. Welcome to Cormorant Island Vancity!

Should you have any questions about this announcement or want a copy of the job posting, please contact Heather Nelson-Smith at the Alert Bay Village Office (250)-974-5213.

Debra Hanuse, 'Namgis First Nation and Michael Berry, Village of Alert Bay



Photo credit T. Alfred. Above: Mayor Michael Berry, Vancity CEO Tamara Vrooman and Chief Debra Hanuse sign the Memorandum of Understanding

CITIZEN OF THE YEAR!

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2014's Citizen of the Year is Donna Myers!

Her nominators said:

I wish to nominate Donna Myers as our Citizen of the Year.

Donna has worked long hours for the community as the Legion Ladies' Auxiliary president organizing the Remembrance Day buffet, breakfasts, dinners, and many many funeral services. She has done this on top of working full time and cooking hamburgers and hot dogs at the Legion canteen on Thursday bingo nights.

Thank you for your smiles and kind words!



DANIELLE BARNES - Age 11.
Daughter of Steven Barnes and Winnie Mountain, Granddaughter of Lois Beans-Matilpi and Great - Granddaughter of Henry Beans, She is one very athletic young gal and continues to make us proud in all that she does in school and in her sports activities. Danielle and parent(s) traveled 4 times for her Figure Skating Competitions and 4 times she's stood on the podium, bringing home to Alert Bay: 1 Bronze and 3 Silver! She is now moved up another level to skate with the older girls and will be doing a Solo at the Winter Show in Port McNeill. Danielle, you make all of us so proud! I'm one proud Gran!

Submitted by Lois Matilpi

Know someone from Alert Bay we should be proud of? Send us a picture and the details!



The 2014 Best Decorated House award went to Heather and Norman Wadhams, with the Best Decorated Business award going to Alert Bay Drugs.

Congratulations to all our award-winners!

COUNCIL MEETING DATE CHANGE: MEETINGS ARE NOW MONDAYS AT 7PM

The 2015 meeting dates are now:

March 9 & 23, April 7 & 20, May 11 & 25, June 8 & 22, July 20, August 24, September 14 & 28, October 12 & 26, November 9 & 23, December 14.



TAX CLINIC

Free tax clinic at the Village Office Council Chambers 3-5pm March 22. If you are a low-income earner you may be eligible for a free tax return. Stop by the Village Office to find out what papers you will need to bring.

TREASURES!

The spring Treasure Market is Sunday March 29, 1-3pm. Sign up for your table at the Village Office, only \$10! Baked goods, used items and crafts! Hope to see you there!

SEED SWAP

If, for some reason, you are not attending the Treasure Market, there is a seed swap at the Port McNeill Lions Hall, 1-3pm Mar. 29

ARCHERY!

Call Dorothy Svanvik or Jamie Hunt to register for a youth archery camp March 16-17!

HELP THE ECHO!

Send your photos, articles, comments and poems to apritchard@alertbay.ca.

The Overall Strategy

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY

Plan On A Page

STRATEGY VISION

Through coordinated investment, promotion and development, Cormorant Island will build on the existing economy, culture, history and infrastructure by leveraging resource-based value-added opportunities, seasonal tourism and marine commerce.

These efforts will improve the business environment and create a solid base for entrepreneurs and small businesses to succeed, thus improving island vibrancy that will in turn attract new residents, businesses and investment leading to a stronger year-round economy based on community values.

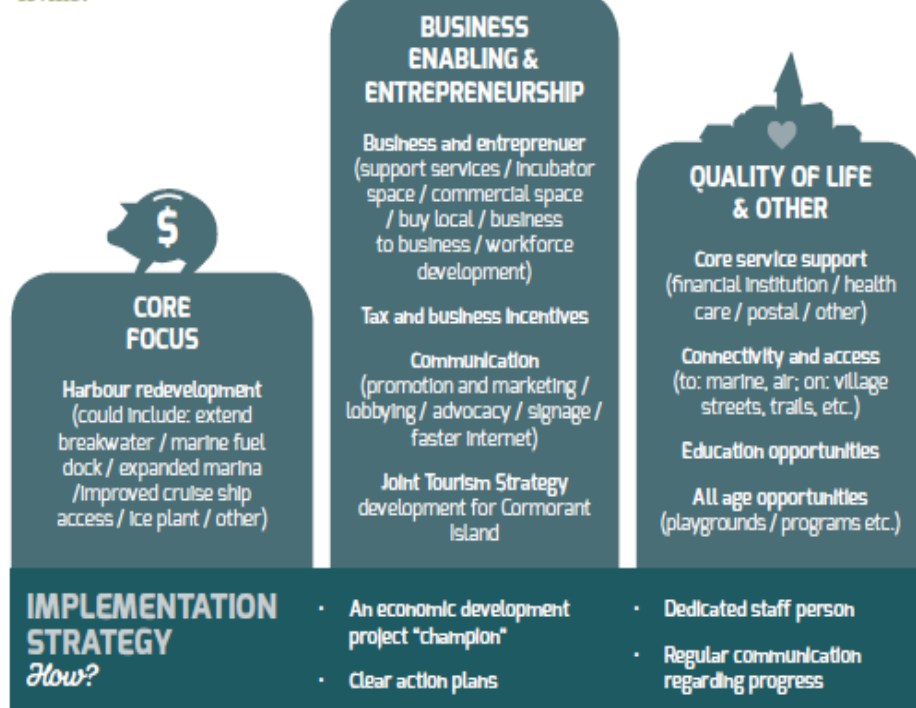
STRATEGIC OBJECTIVES

Why?

1. Attract new business
2. Create good jobs
3. Increase the number of entrepreneurs & managers
4. Diversify the economy
5. Attract/retain residents (build permanent economic base)
6. Increase personal self sufficiency

STRATEGIC ACTIONS



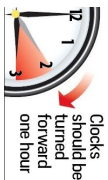



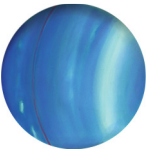





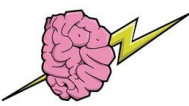




What?



Coming Events



Month?

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 PEANUT BUTTER DAY! 	2	3	4 FOOD-ON-A-STICK DAY! 	5	6	7
8 SPRING FORWARD! Daylight saving time starts at 2 a.m. 	9 COUNCIL MEETING 7PM! 	10 MIDDLE NAME PRIDE DAY! 	11	12 PLANT A FLOWER DAY! 	13 URANUS DAY! 	14 PI DAY! 
15 IDES OF MARCH BEWARE! 	16	17 ST PATRICK'S DAY! 	18	19	20 SHOPRITE CUSTOMER APPRECIATION DAY! 	21 QUILTING DAY! 
22 FREE TAX CLINIC! 3-5PM COUNCIL CHAMBERS	23 COUNCIL MEETING 7PM! 	24	25 SPINACH DAY! 	26 MAKE UP YOUR OWN HOLIDAY-DAY!	27	28 WAFFLE DAY! 
29 TREASURE MARKET 1-3PM COMMUNITY HALL! 	30	31 SHOPRITE SENIOR CUSTOMER APPRECIATION DAY! 				

Karate & yoga at the Community Hall—
Drop in the Village office to find out more!

Call 974-5448 for Bowling !