

## RURAL TOURISM ACTION GRANT NOW ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS

The Regional District is now accepting applications for the 2019 Rural Tourism Action Grant. Community groups and organizations can apply for up to \$2,500.00 in funding to support projects from trail head signage, festival and events promotion, & community tourism initiatives. Application deadline, September 30th, 2019. For grant guidelines and application package visit: <http://www.rdmw.bc.ca/regional-services/regional-economic-development/>

## PLANNING

Are you thinking about siting a building or structure or introducing a new use on your property? Don't forget that Woss has a zoning bylaw in place that regulates uses and the siting of buildings and structures. There is a requirement to obtain a Site Permit for the siting of most buildings and structures. A Site Permit is not a Building permit and is intended to ensure that what you site on your property complies with the zoning regulations. Please call Jeff Long, Manager of Planning and Development Services at the RDMW for more information.

Jeff Long: Tel: 250-956-3301

Email: [jlong@rdmw.bc.ca](mailto:jlong@rdmw.bc.ca)

## VOLUNTEER TRANSPORTATION NETWORK (VTN)

Thanks to local volunteers, the VTN Service is available to Woss residents who may have mobility issues. Call 250-956-3151 for further information.

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<b>Electoral Area D</b>	<b>Woss Fire Dept.:</b>	<b>Water &amp; Sewer</b>	<b>Ops Manager:</b>	<b>Planning &amp; Dev.</b>
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## UTILITIES BILLING 2019

Accompanying this newsletter is your annual utility bill. 2019 rates have increased by 5% for sewer (Bylaw No.966) and 3.18% for water (Bylaw No. 967). Residents are reminded of the following:

- Unpaid utility bills will be charged 1%/month interest beginning on July 1st, 2019
- Outstanding utility amounts still owing on Dec 31st, 2019 will be added to your Rural Property Taxes
- If using online banking to pay your utilities bill, please use your property's folio number as the account number. If your mailing address is incorrect on your bill, visit the following link to correct it: <https://info.bcassessment.ca/Services-products/update-your-property-information>

**\*If you have questions or concerns regarding your invoices or would like to receive your invoice via email, please email [bsinclair@rdmw.bc.ca](mailto:bsinclair@rdmw.bc.ca). Please include your name and folio number along with the email address you would like to have on file. Enjoy the day!**

## WOSS VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT



It has been a busy year for the Woss VFD with members taking opportunities to attend courses and practice their new skill sets. Despite the challenges faced by the fire department, members continue to protect the residents of Woss. The expectation for 2019 is that the department will fully resume the roles it has filled in the past which are essential to the North Island as a whole. This achievement was made possible by the Provincial Gaming Grant and Western Forest Products donating \$12,000 and \$7,000 respectively so that the department could purchase new road rescue tools. In 2019 we plan to install solar cells on the fire hall's roof with a battery system to make it better able to support the department during BC Hydro outages.

Current membership stands at 16, so if you're male or female, young or old, Chief Rob Glass has a stylish yellow suit with your name on it.

Woss Fire Department meets every Tuesday at 7:00pm

## SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT PLAN UPDATE 2019

In 2019, the Regional District of Mount Waddington will be kicking off its review of the Regional District Solid Waste Management Plan. Normally this process is done every five years but the current plan has not been modified since its original version in 1997 so this is long overdue. That being said, the Regional District has not been asleep at the wheel. Since 2011, unlicensed community dump sites in Woss and Malcolm Island and an old landfill in Winter Harbour have been closed down with garbage now going to 7 Mile Landfill which can treat leachate and the gases emitted by the garbage. In addition, new transfer stations/recycling depots have been established in Woss, Malcolm Island, Winter Harbour and Quatsino making it easy for residents to reduce their foot print on the planet.

The actual consultation process with communities has yet to be ironed out but opportunities will be made to discuss where the Regional District should proceed in the future regarding solid waste management so stay tuned in.

## WOSS SEWER AND WATER SERVICES

The Woss water and sewer systems were upgraded in 2018 with all their control systems replaced and a monitoring station set up at the waste water lagoon. Most of the funding for this work came from the Provincial and Federal Governments Clean Water Wastewater Fund. A future project that will hopefully occur in 2020 is the installation of back flow protection. This and other investments will be critical in allowing the system to provide users with water that does not require treatment. The Regional District will be keeping Woss updated as new investments are planned so stay in contact with the Woss Residence Association.

Eco-Depots
7 Mile Landfill & Recycling Center Hwy 19 (14 km North of Port McNeill) Mon-Fri 9 to 4 & Sat 10 to 4
Port Alice Recycling Depot M-Fr 8:45-3:45 Sat 10-2 Sun 12-6 Open till 6 PM Tues
Alert Bay Recycling Depot 1648 Alder Mon-Fri 9 to 5
Malcolm Island Recycling Depot 5 2 <sup>nd</sup> Street, Sointula Tue 10-1, Wed 6-8 & Sat 10-3
Woss Recycling Depot See <a href="http://www.rdmw.bc.ca">www.rdmw.bc.ca</a> Wed & Sun
Packaging and Printed Paper Only Depots
Port McNeill: Island Foods 1979 Nimpkish Cres. M-Th 9-3:30 Fr 9-2 Sat 10-2
Winter Harbour To Be Determined
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### North Island Recycling Depots

Your North Island Recycling Depots provide differing levels of service. Eco-Depots allow users to bring a wide variety of materials from packaging/ printed paper to tires and electronics. Other depots just focus on packaging and printed paper. For a detailed list of what materials your local depots can accept, go to [www.rdmw.bc.ca](http://www.rdmw.bc.ca) and check out the Recycling Page.

**The new packaging recycling program requires glass, polystyrene foam and plastic film materials to be taken to a depot.**

#### Glass

- Keep your returnable beverage bottles out of recycling for charitable functions or for your own benefit.
- Take caps and lids off, recycle metal ones.

#### Polystyrene

- We cannot recycle packing peanuts

#### Plastic Film

- We cannot recycle stretch wrap

## Woss Transfer Station

Hours: Wed 4-7PM & Sun 12-4PM