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Garbage Collection Day
 Recycling Collection Day

“Coal Harbour Connections”

APRIL 2020



2020 Coal Harbour Recycling and Garbage Collection Schedule (250) 956-3301						
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No sorting is required for recyclables that are permitted in the curbside collection. Please review the information below:

Allowed Metal Packaging

- Metal Cans (**No Refundable Cans**)
- Metal Lids & Closures
- Metal Aerosol Cans
- Aluminum Foil
- Spiral Wound Cans (Steel Ends)

Paper/Cardboard Packaging

- Corrugated Cardboard
- Paper Cups
- Milk Cartons
- Aseptic Containers (**No Refundable Juice Boxes**)
- Multi-laminated Paper Packaging
- Boxboard
- Moulded Pulp
- Paper Bags

Plastic Packaging

- Types 1,2,3,4,5,6 & 7 plastic packaging.
- No Type 6 Polystyrene Foam
- Bottles (**No Refundable Bottles**)
- Jars, Clamshells, Trays, Tubs & Lids, Drink Cups, Pails & Planter Pots

Printed Paper

- Newspapers & Inserts
- Magazines, Catalogues and Telephone Books
- General Use Paper, Envelopes, Greeting Cards
- **No Books, Foil Gift Wrap, Ribbons & Padded Envelopes**

Depot Only Materials

- Glass Packaging (bottles, jars, etc)
- Polystyrene (Styrofoam but **No Peanuts**)
- Plastic Film (Frozen Vegetable Bags, Plastic Grocery Bags, etc)



COVID19 IMPACT ON COAL HARBOUR SERVICES

The COVID 19 Pandemic has had an enormous impact across the globe, including on the services provided to Coal Harbour by the RDMW. In this issue of *Connections* we will provide you with an outline of the status of various Coal Harbour services and how they may have been impacted, as well as news of any changes that were already in the works. In addition, the newsletter includes updates on important RDMW initiatives that are still ongoing, but at a slower pace, including the Waste Management Planning Process and the Regional Housing Needs Report.

Like most organizations, the RDMW is having a challenging time to adapt to the necessary changes in practices to deal with the emergency, including less physical meetings and new protocols related to greater physical separation for staff, cleaning etc. While the main office is now closed to the public, we are endeavouring to continue to provide essential services with minimal impact to the public who depend on them. Please continue to follow the advice of Island Health, <https://www.islandhealth.ca/> to keep yourselves and the community healthy and safe. Now more than ever we will all need to continue the North Island tradition of resilience in times of need coupled with generosity to friends and neighbours while, for now, keeping physical distance.

EMERGENCY PLANNING

For now, the Coal Harbour Fire Hall is the muster point for community emergencies and the CHVFD will issue evacuation orders. The North Island Regional Emergency Plan (<http://www.rdmw.bc.ca/our-communities/coal-harbour/>) calls for Emergency Social Service Volunteers in each community... to find out more or to volunteer, please call REPC Coordinator Cathy Denham @250-230-1519.

Rural Tourism Action Grant - Now Accepting Applications!
The Regional District is now accepting applications for the 2020 Rural Tourism Action Grant. Community groups and organizations can apply for up to \$2,500. In funding to support projects including trail head signage, festival and events promotion, and community tourism initiatives. Application deadline is September 30th, 2020. For grant guidelines and application package, please visit: <http://www.rdmw.bc.ca/regional-services/regional-economic>

UTILITIES BILLING 2020

Accompanying this newsletter is your annual utility bill. Residents are reminded of the following:

- ◆ Avoid in person payments, please use online banking with CIBC, CCCU or Scotiabank. E-Transfer to bsinclair@rdmw.bc.ca (be sure to phone or send an email with the password). Call 250-956-3301 to pay using a credit card.
 - ◆ When paying your bill, please make sure to reference the account number on your invoice.
 - ◆ Our mailing information comes from BC Assessment. If we did not send your invoice to your current address, you need to update your info. Please go to https://eforms.bcassessment.ca/address_change_form.asp
 - ◆ Outstanding amounts as of Dec 31, 2020 are transferred over to your Rural Property account with the Province of BC.
- *If you have questions or concerns regarding your invoices or would like to receive your invoice via email, please email 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!**



Mount Waddington Transit/Volunteer Transportation Network (VTN)

COVID19 Service Impacts: To keep Transit operating as an essential service BC Transit has eliminated fares for until at least April 30th. In addition, seats have been removed in an effort to facilitate social distancing.

Please cooperate with the drivers to ensure service continuance. Thanks to NI volunteers, the VTN Service is available to Coal Harbour residents who may have mobility issues. More volunteers are always welcome. Call 250-956-3151 for further information.

Route 5—WEEKDAY SCHEDULE

Coal Harbour	CH Junction Turnoff	PH Thunderbird Mall
9:00 AM	9:17 AM	9:21 AM
12:54 PM	1:11 PM	1:15 PM
4:06 PM	4:23 PM	4:27 PM
9:15 AM (Sat)	9:32 AM (Sat)	9:36 AM (Saturday)
1:10 PM (Sat)	1:27 PM (Sat)	1:31 PM (Saturday)

MOUNT WADDINGTON REGIONAL HOUSING NEEDS REPORT PROJECT

The Province of British Columbia now requires each local government to collect data, analyze trends and prepare a report that identifies current and anticipated housing needs, for the purpose of considering these needs when creating policy and making decisions about development. The housing needs report process will examine such things as:

- Population trends (Who is living in our communities? How fast is the population increasing?)
- Affordability (How much does it cost to live here?)
- Future demand (Who will live here in the future, where will they live and in what types of housing will they live?)

The Regional District of Mount Waddington and its four municipal partners (District of Port Hardy, Town of Port McNeill, Village of Alert Bay and Village of Port Alice) were awarded a grant of \$120,000 to undertake the project jointly. A project steering committee has been established and consultants, Urban Matters CCC Ltd. and M'akola Development Services, have been chosen to undertake the project. They are currently undertaking phases 1 and 2 of the project which includes the following four phases:

- 1) Data Collection, Compilation & Analysis: Conduct background document review, collect and review available data, conduct need, demand and supply analyses of the spectrum of housing types, tenures and affordability, including market and non-market housing.
- 2) Community Consultation & Public Engagement: Prepare and implement a consultation and engagement strategy to achieve collaboration with a variety of stakeholders
- 3) Preparation of the Mount Waddington Regional Housing Needs Report and community profiles for the eight planning areas (four municipalities and four electoral areas of the RDMW).
- 4) Capacity Building: Capacity building with local government staff on: a) implementation measures that are designed to satisfy housing needs; b) planning for subsequent housing needs updates in order to undertake future housing needs assessments and reports; and, c) connection with provincial housing entities and initiatives.

The project was originally expected to be completed by the end of July, 2020. However, due to the recent coronavirus (COVID-19) situation, project completion will be late. See the RDMW's website at www.rdmw.bc.ca for updated information on the project as it unfolds. Be on the lookout for an upcoming housing questionnaire and public engagement opportunities associated with this project.

WATER SERVICE

In 2019 system operator Paul Getman, the Quatsino works department and Port Hardy Bull had very impressive results fixing waterline leaks in both Coal Harbour and Quatsino First Nation: average water usage is down to under 200,000 litres per day from 800,000 l/day. This accomplishment is a result of past investments in system meter installation, diligent foot work and excellent contractors. The situation is so good, Paul believes we actually have no leaks in the system so we now will know right away if a leak occurs because the new normal will change. This accomplishment means we can last several days without power and over 6 months on existing chemical supplies.

To ensure that current and future expenses are covered, user fees were increase by 5% rate in 2020. During this year we will hopefully see some additional investments in the water service. Paul Getman has become quite the hand in systems controls and is proposing the addition of new sensors and automated systems that could increase savings by further reducing chemical costs. We also are looking at other ways to constantly monitor the system through automation to improve the service for the community. If this project proceeds it will hopefully be funded from the Gas Tax program so that rate payers will not be further impacted.

SEWER SERVICE

In 2019 the waste water treatment plant upgrade was completed doubling its capacity and resiliency. The last lift station is scheduled for a refit in 2020 and will be covered by Gas Tax funds. In all, the system is in great shape and has not required service users to pay additional fees other than those to cover normal operations.

WASTE MANAGEMENT & RECYCLING NEWS

The Regional District continues to deliver garbage and recycling curbside services as normal. Given the risks associated with COVID-19, the collectors have been instructed to adjust how they interact with the public for the safety of all involved. The collectors have also been instructed to not correct misplaced items in the curbside recycling. Given this limitation, users of the curbside program are being asked to be especially diligent in how they sort their recyclables. If a load of curbside recycling is obviously contaminated with inappropriate material, the collectors have been told to leave it untouched.

The solid waste community questionnaire, which quite a few Coal Harbour residents submitted responses to, we have posted the results on our website.

Just go to <http://www.rdmw.bc.ca/regional-services/solid-waste/> and go down the page to section titled Regional Solid Waste Management Plan (RSWMP). Links there will take the viewer to the summaries for individual and business submissions.

The Regional District is committed to continuing the RSWMP process with meetings of the Advisory Committee to resume in a manner that is safe for participants given the COVID-19 situation. Meeting minutes and other information can be accessed from the same website location as the questionnaire results



Coal Harbour Volunteer Fire Department— Recruits Wanted!

It has been another busy year for the Coal Harbour Volunteer Fire Department (CHVFD) with members taking opportunities to take courses and practice their new skill sets. Current membership stands at 10, so with COVID-19 raging, demands on CHVFD could be immense so more volunteers are critical to spread the load no matter what the capacity. Contact Chief Hory (949-0627) to see what you can do support the CHVFD.

In 2020, the Regional District will be upgrading the fire hall with solar panels using Gas Tax funds. This will make the hall better able to function during power disruptions by having reliable power to allow for communications and lighting to function. Anchoring the solar panels will be a Tesla Powerwall, a lithium battery system. Because it was funded by Gas Tax, there will not be a hit to the fire department's budget!

2020 will be a year that the current bylaw setting out funding for Coal Harbour's fire protection service will need to be reviewed. Funding stresses are due to recent Provincial increased training requirements and higher equipment costs. While support for the fire department is shared with the Quatsino First Nation, the current funding bylaw for the fire department is insufficient to allow for Coal Harbour's portion next year.

Street Lights

The planned BC Hydro conversion of streetlights to low energy LED technology will be delayed due the COVID19 emergency.

Electoral Area B Director	Volunteer Fire Department:	Coal Harbour LCC	Planning & Development	Garbage Services	Water & Sewer
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