

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 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

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 164B Alder Mon-Fri 9 to 5
Malcolm Island Recycling Depot 5 2 nd Street, Sointula Tue 10-1, Wed 6-8 & Sat 10-3
Woss Recycling Depot See www.rdmw.bc.ca 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
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7-Mile Land Fill & Recycling Facility — Hours: Weekdays 9am-4pm; Saturdays 10am-4pm

“Hyde Creek Holler”



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COVID-19 IMPACT ON HYDE CREEK SERVICES

The COVID-19 Pandemic has had an enormous impact across the globe, including on the services provided to Hyde Creek by the RDMW. In this issue of “the Holler,” we will provide you with an outline of the status of various Hyde Creek 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 in-person 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. -Greg Fletcher, CAO

EMERGENCY PLANNING

For now, the HC Recreation Hall is the muster point for community emergencies and the HC VFD will issue evacuation orders. The North Island Regional Emergency Plan (<http://www.rdmw.bc.ca/our-communities/hydecreek/>) 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 or Kathleen Crowhurst @ 250-956-5130

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>



Mount Waddington Transit/Volunteer Transportation Network (VTN)

COVID-19 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 to facilitate social distancing. Please cooperate with the drivers to ensure service continuance. Thanks to NI volunteers, the VTN Service is available to residents who may have mobility issues. More volunteers are always welcome. Call 250-956-3151 for further information.

Route 12—Port McNeill Local—WEEKDAY SCHEDULE

PM Pioneer Mall	PM Medical Clinic	HC Petro Can	Mine & Argus	PM Pioneer Mall	PM Ferry
7:59am	8:01am	8:10am	8:15am	8:22am	8:24am
11:09am	11:11am	-	11:16am	11:23am	11:25am
2:00pm	2:02pm	2:11pm	2:16pm	2:23pm	2:25pm
4:54pm	4:56pm	5:05pm	5:10pm	5:17pm	5:19pm

UTILITIES BILLING 2020

(for those in the Hyde Creek Sewer Service Area)

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

- ◆ **Avoid in person payments**, please use online banking with CIBC, CCU 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.bcasessment.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 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.

WASTE MANAGEMENT & RECYCLING NEWS

The RDMW continues to operate the 7 Mile Landfill and Recycling Center (7MLRC) at its normal operating hours. Given the risks associated with COVID-19, the attendants have been instructed to adjust how they interact with the public for the safety of all involved. Depending upon how busy the 7MLRC is, to keep with in the safe 2 m distancing visitors may have to wait outside of the recycling area/transfer station until sufficient spacing allows for safe entry. The attendants have also been instructed to not correct misplaced items in the recycling bags. Given this limitation, users of the recycling depot are being asked to be especially diligent in how they sort their recyclables. Finally, the attendants have been provided with sanitizer for personal use and disinfecting the facility. Given the limited supply, these materials are not available for public use. It is strongly recommended that all visitors to the 7MLRC carry out thorough sanitizing efforts upon returning home or bring their own sanitizer with them if they wish to sanitize their person at the depot.

In regards to the [Regional Solid Waste Management Plan \(RSWMP\)](#) update, some Hyde Creek residents submitted responses to the community questionnaire, which are posted on our website <http://www.rdmw.bc.ca/regional-services/solid-waste/>.

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. For updates, including meeting minutes and other information go to the link noted above.

HYDE CREEK RECREATION SERVICE

During 2019 improvements were made to the hall that included a furnace replacement funded through an RDMW Gas Tax Grant. In addition, the playground was re-built, thanks to a generous donation from the Hyde Creek Musicfest and a Gas Tax Grant. Due to the COVID 19 emergency, all hall rentals and group activities have been cancelled, contact Karen Cessford for the current status.

NIMPKISH HEIGHTS STREET LIGHTS

The planned BC Hydro conversion of streetlights to low energy LED technology will be delayed due to the COVID-19 emergency.

SEWER SERVICE

The system is in great shape and has not required service users to pay additional fees other than those to cover normal operations.



Hyde Creek Volunteer Fire Department— Recruits Wanted!

Hey Hyde Creek, look who has a Tesla! In 2019, the Regional District upgraded the fire hall with solar panels using Gas Tax funds. The idea was to make the hall better able to function during emergencies by having reliable power to allow for communications and lighting to function during prolonged power disruptions. Anchoring the solar panels is a Tesla Powerwall, a lithium battery system far superior to lead acid batteries. Because it was funded by Gas Tax, there was not a hit to the fire department's budget!

In other news, the fire department has finalized the selection of the new tanker that will become the principal water mover when suppressing fires. The selected truck will be constructed by Fort Garry Industries out of Winnipeg. The selection process was quite easy, as the selected truck was one of the lowest priced options, yet maxed out on practically all the technical specs. Expectations are that the tanker will be delivered in early 2021 and with the completion of the hall expansion, it has a comfy home waiting for it.

With COVID-19 raging, demands on Hyde Creek's Volunteer Fire Department could be immense so more volunteers are critical to spread the load no matter what the capacity. Whether you are 19 years old, or recently retired, there is a need for the extra help. Contact Chief Murray Estlin or Deputy Chief Ray Bernier to see what you can do to support the Hyde Creek volunteers.

Finally, Doug Von Schilling has relinquished the role of Fire Chief for the second time and passed on the baton to Murray Estlin. Ray Bernier has stepped up to being the Deputy Chief so the department is in safe hands. Doug who was the Chief for the majority of the department's history, continues as a member of the Hyde Creek Fire Service, and with Buzz Cochrane, represents the last of the original volunteers who established the Hall over 30 years ago. While the rest of us age, Buzz and Doug look no different from their pictures from the 1980's. If you get the chance, express your appreciation as they soundly deserve it.

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