

Garbage Collection
Malcolm Island Recycling Depot Tues:10-1pm Fri:10-1pm Sat: 10-3pm
Allowed Metal Packaging
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Metal Cans • Metal Lids & Closures • Metal Aerosol Cans • Aluminum Foil • Spiral Wound Cans (Steel Ends)
Paper/Cardboard Packaging
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Corrugated Cardboard • Paper Cups • Milk Cartons • Aseptic Containers • Multi-laminated Paper Packaging • Boxboard • Moulded Pulp • Paper Bags
Plastic Packaging
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Types 1,2,3,4,5,6 & 7 plastic packaging • Bottles, Jars, Clamshells, Trays, Tubs & Lids, Drink Cups, Pails & Planter Pots
Printed Paper
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Newspapers & Inserts • Magazines, Catalogues & Telephone Books. • General Use Paper, Envelopes & Greeting Cards.
Other Materials
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Glass Packaging (bottles, jars, etc) • Polystyrene (Styrofoam but NO peanuts) • Plastic Film (Frozen Vegetable Bags, Plastic Grocery Bags, etc) • Electronics and Appliances • Household Chemicals/Used Oil • Batteries • Light Bulbs • Scrap Metal

2021 Sointula Garbage Collection		
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“Malcolm Island Mailout”

APRIL 2021



Area Director's Comments

In addition to information presented here about Malcolm Island services, I'd like to highlight some areas of interest. First, I'm pleased to note that the community wide (18+) Vaccination Clinics start at the Athletic Hall on April 1st with other dates available on April 6, 7, 8 & 9th; call 877-795-0755 to book an appointment; go to islandhealth.ca/whole-community-vaccine for more information. Please bring yard waste to the recycling center not dumping anywhere else. Finally, many people have expressed an interest in tweaking the Malcolm I. Zoning Bylaw with respect to regulations on the keeping of animals, including roosters. Please voice your opinion at sdaniels@rdmw.bc.ca or call me at 250-902-9131.

CONTINUED COVID19 IMPACT ON MALCOLM I. SERVICES

Over the last year, the RDMW focused on providing essential services like sewer, emergency services, solid waste all without interruption. Other services such as community recreation operated on a month-to-month basis, depending on applicable COVID guidelines. Similarly, many special projects continued sporadically. The recent arrival of widespread vaccination events on the North Island offers some hope of a return to normal but continued vigilance will be required to ensure that this happens. Regular updates about Malcolm Island and regional services will be posted at rdmw.bc.ca.

UTILITIES BILLING 2021

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

- ◆ **Avoid in person payments**, please use one of the following payment methods. 1) Online banking with CIBC, CCCU or Scotiabank. 2) Cheques: please mail to P.O. Box 729, Port McNeill, BC V0N 2R0 3) Credit Card: please call 250-956-3301 or 4) E-Transfer to ar@rdmw.bc.ca (be sure to phone or send an email with the password).
- ◆ When paying your bill, please make sure to **reference the account number** on your invoice.
- ◆ Payments in US dollars are accepted at par to Canadian dollars.
- ◆ 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, 2021 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 ar@rdmw.bc.ca. Please include your name and folio number



Mount Waddington Transit/Volunteer Transportation Network (VTN)

Applicable COVID protocols will remain in place to allow continued safe service. Please cooperate with the drivers to ensure service continuance. Thanks to Alyson, Harry, Bonnie, Suzan and other volunteers, the VTN Service is available for Malcolm Island residents who may have mobility issues. More volunteers are always welcome. Call Mary Mavis at 250-956-3151 for further information.

MALCOLM ISLAND RECREATION/PARKS

All Malcolm Island Recreation Service facilities and programs have been modified to operate within COVID guidelines. Volunteers continue to actively work on community initiatives: Contact Michelle Pottage (974-4445) for more information or contact 250-974-4699 for bookings.

The Bere Point Regional Park will continue to operate with COVID modifications and will have an attendant present starting on the May long weekend.

EMERGENCY PLANNING

AJ Elliot is the muster point for community emergencies and the SVFD will implement evacuation orders. The North Island Regional Emergency Plan (<http://www.rdmw.bc.ca/our-communities/coal-harbour/>) calls for Emergency Social Service (ESS) Volunteers in each community...to find out more or to volunteer, please call **Malcolm Island ESS Coordinators Marjorie Giroux (250-974-8285) or Michelle Pottage @250-974-4445**.

Rural Tourism Action Grant - Now Accepting Applications!

The Regional District is now accepting applications for the 2021 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, 2021. For grant guidelines and application package, please visit: <http://www.rdmw.bc.ca/regional-services/regional-economic>

MOUNT WADDINGTON REGIONAL HOUSING NEEDS REPORT PROJECT HOUSING:

The Regional District of Mount Waddington and its municipal partners, the District of Port Hardy, the Town of Port McNeill, the Village of Alert Bay, and the Village of Port Alice, have engaged in a project to complete a joint regional housing needs report that has now been completed and is available at rdmw.bc.ca. A community presentation will be done after consultation with the Malcolm Island Advisory Committee as per COVID restrictions.

STREETLIGHTS

In June/July of 2021, BC Hydro is tentatively planning on converting all existing streetlights with Light Emitting Diode (LED) streetlights. The conversion is intended to save electricity and reduce maintenance costs due to the superior qualities of the LED lights. Given that it is very rare that all streetlights are replaced at one time, the Regional District of Mount Waddington (RDMW) is conducting a consultation project to determine what the residents of Sointula desire from their streetlights at the end of the conversion.

Residents are requested to go to the Regional District's web page www.rdmw.bc.ca and select the **Street Light Consultation** under the "Community News" section. On the "Street Light Consultation" page, you will find a link to the "Street light replacement project customer tool kit" document, which explains the LED street light conversion program, with pictures showing examples of the different LED street light options. It provides a good start in understanding how the new lights will affect your neighborhood.

Below the link to BC Hydro's street light tool kit, you will find sections for each Regional District community that have links to online questionnaires and aerial images that show locations of street light locations and their corresponding id#. Select the questionnaires for your community and use the imagery to provide guidance in filling out the questionnaire. Those taking the questionnaire do not need to answer every question as respondents will understandably be only interested in their immediate neighborhood.

SEWER SERVICE

The sewer service for Sointula continues to do well with Alden Barnett recently updating his certification. There will be no fee increases in 2021.

WASTE MANAGEMENT & RECYCLING NEWS

Despite seeing the light at the end of the tunnel regarding the pandemic, the Regional District must continue to maintain its vigilance when delivering garbage and recycling services. Given the risks associated with COVID-19, the collectors and depot attendants continue being instructed to maintain social distancing in how they interact with the public for the safety of all involve and not correct misplaced items in the curbside recycling. It is very much appreciated how North Islanders through out the pandemic have maintained their customary diligence in how they sort their recyclables. Your efforts are the reason our communities have some of the lowest contamination rates for recycling for all of British Columbia.

With the passing of the 2021 Budget, there has been an increase in the Malcolm Island solid waste service fee that property owners on Malcolm Island will need to bear. The increase was for 5% in relation to the fees paid in 2020. These increases were set, after discussion with the Malcom Island Advisory Commission during the budget process.

The Regional District completed its goal in 2020 for submitting an updated Regional Solid Waste Management Plan (RSWMP) and is currently waiting for the Minister of Environment to sign it for Provincial approval. For those interested in solid waste and environmental issues, the proposed Interim RSWMP is a very exciting document with a collection of targets that will protect the environment and future generations for decades to come. If you want to check out the plan, go to:

<http://www.rdmw.bc.ca/regional-services/solid-waste/>.

While the Regional District awaits the approval of the plan, we will be pushing ourselves to improve diversion opportunities and develop environmentally positive initiatives while trying to minimize the cost for residents and businesses of the North Island.

ARE YOU DUMPING BIOHAZARD MATERIAL INTO THE WILDERNESS?

Which is worse to dump into the wild land, an old mattress or garden cuttings? The mattress is an eyesore and needs to be disposed of at the transfer station, **but** the garden waste, instead of just rotting away, could take hold like a virus and grow and grow. Think about scotch broom or knot weed infestations. Malcolm Island is too beautiful to risk. **Take your garden waste to the transfer station, its free and the right thing to do!**



Sointula Volunteer Fire Department—Recruits Wanted!

FIRE PROTECTION

As mentioned in last year's newsletter, 2019 saw the current fire truck's debt paid off in full. The truck was built in 2006 and the usual expectation is that the Fire Underwriters Survey (FUS) will direct the department to replace the vehicle after 20 years of service. With limited use, excellent maintenance, and operational testing, the RDMW is confident that we can get the FUS to approve the truck's service life being extended till 2031, an extra five years. The extension is critical as the community needs to build its reserves, which are just over \$35,000. It is projected that a pumper will cost about \$590,000 in 2031. In addition, the operational funding for the department needs help. New training guidelines have increased the expectation for fire fighters to complete courses, and equipment constantly needs to be maintained, or replaced. The department is very responsible in its spending, having members in courses held on the North Island as opposed to paying for travel costs. Equipment has been purchased used from other departments, when possible, saving tens of thousands of dollars.

At the end of 2020, RDMW staff initiated a dialogue with Sointula to significantly increase the current tax requisition to allow the department to save funds for the eventual purchase of a new truck and sustainably cover the costs of training and maintaining equipment. After this increase, the expectation is that funding will only be raised in proportion to inflation, putting the department on a sustainable financial heading. The current funding bylaw for the fire department is insufficient to allow for this increase, so it will be updated in 2021. The RDMW will keep Sointula residents informed as to the process.

Finally, with COVID-19 still ongoing, demands on the Fire Department could be immense so more volunteers are critical to spread the load. Whether 19 years old or recently retired, there is a need for the extra help. Contact Chief Tom Trimmer or Deputy Chief Glen Watson to see what you can do support the Sointula volunteers.



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