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5 year old raises thousands for Whale Centre

Five-year-old Nixon Venhaus of Mission, BC raised over \$2,206 to help rebuild the Whale Interpretive Centre in Telegraph Cove, BC .

Nixon's efforts have captured not only the hearts of the community of Mission but also of Telegraph Cove, showing that even the youngest among us can make a big difference.

The Whale Interpretive Centre, a beloved landmark known for educating visitors about marine life and the majestic creatures of the ocean, was tragically destroyed in an early-morning fire on Dec. 31, 2024. The blaze completely gutted the building, leaving behind only charred remnants of exhibits that had taken years to curate.

"It was devastating," said WIC Director Mary Borrowman. "We've been teaching children and families about whales for over 22 years, and the interpretive centre has become an integral part of the North Island."

However, just weeks after the tragedy, Nixon, who is in Kindergarten, with a passion for marine animals, took it upon himself to help. After learning about the fire from his parents, Nixon decided he wanted to do something special to assist the WIC's rebuilding efforts.

"My mom told me that the museum was gone, and it made me really sad," Nixon said, with wide eyes. "I love whales. I wanted to help fix the WIC so other kids could learn about them, too."

With the encouragement of his parents and his grandma Joanne, Nixon started a bottle and can drive which was supported by friends, family and community. Nixon came to Telegraph Cove to deliver his donation personally to Tyra Bain, assistant manager and lead interpreter of the Whale Interpretive Centre.

With the funds raised by Nixon, the Rebuild the WIC funding campaign and the support of the community, plans are already underway to rebuild the Whale Interpretive Centre.

"We are so grateful for Nixon's incredible initiative," said Borrowman. "His efforts have not only raised vital funds but also reminded us of the power of community."



Nixon Venhaus of Mission, BC, 5, raised over \$2,206 to help rebuild the Whale Interpretive Centre in Telegraph Cove and presented the funds to Tyra Bain, assistant manager.

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Couple survives week-long stranding

By Kathy O'Reilly

A short road trip turned into a potentially deadly ordeal for two Port McNeill seniors.

Ken and Lynda Biggs packed up their little dog and headed out to Bonanza Lake on what was meant to be a two-hour drive. Instead, it turned into a harrowing, week-long nightmare.

When they arrived, Lynda got out of the truck to walk the beach in search of colourful rocks that are found there.

After a beachcomb, Ken and Linda got back into their truck to leave.

"Ken goes to back up and there's this humongous clunk," said Lynda.

The rear differential had malfunctioned.

Ken moved the truck back and forth, trying to avoid hitting the 'Namgis First

Nation Cabin located where they had parked.

When Ken moved the truck forward a little bit, it got stuck in a dip in the ground.

"We tried and tried to push it. We tried boards, and you name it," but the truck wouldn't budge.

They tried to call for help, but their cell phones soon died.

When nightfall came, the couple tried to nap in their truck.

"I couldn't sleep. I was so cold."

Linda looked at the side of the cabin and noticed the sign said, 'community cabin', so "I got out of the truck, and I walked up the stairs and the door opened.

It was like a lifesaver for us old folks." Inside the cabin, the couple quickly started a fire with firewood that had been left inside.

"We used up their three days of firewood, we managed to stretch it."

A search of the cabin cupboards turned up a jar of homemade pickled beets, a jar of homemade applesauce - labelled Grandma's Homemade Applesauce - and a really small jar of peanut butter.

The first night, Ken and Lynda did not eat any of the food.

"We just drank water. There was a creek in the back, so I walked to that every day to get water," Lynda recalls, and "I would wander in the woods to find dry wood, that was my routine every day."

Fortunately, there was still a saw in the truck from when Lynda went out gathering spruce and cedar boughs for Christmas decorations and to bring into school where she teaches crafts in her



Photo — Facebook

Port McNeill residents Ken and Lynda Biggs were stranded at Bonanza Lake with no food and creek water for a week after their truck broke down.

grandsons' classes.

"So, I had a pruning saw and pruning shears in the truck. I was able to use that saw. I only have a couple of gouges in my fingers," she

said.

Lynda would sit inside the cabin and saw off small chunks to burn and did yoga to warm up.

In addition to bunk beds,

the cabin had a table and four chairs, dishes, a coffee pot, some sugar packages and a kettle.

"That's what I would fill up each day down at the creek." There was some coffee, and some tea which they used sparingly - one bag for six kettles of water which never really came to a boil because it was so cold.

Lynda found a piece of driftwood that she started to whittle into the shape of a comb because she has long hair.

"I kept busy. My hubby tried to sleep."

When she wasn't searching for firewood or bringing back water, Lynda journaled on some paper she had found.

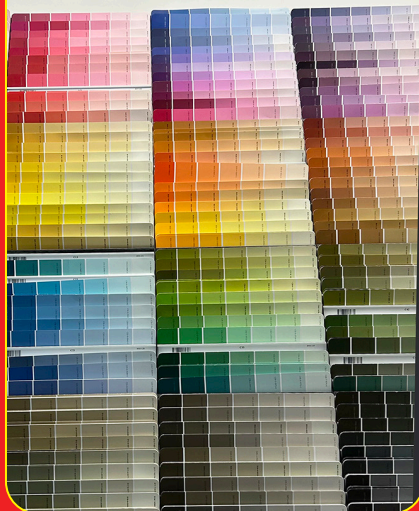
She also discovered a huge box with a hot pink wind-sock inside - which came in handy for additional warmth when the weather turned cold.

"It snowed over there, hailed. It was just freezing. I've never been so cold that you vibrate, your stomach starts to hurt because you're so cold," Lynda describes.

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Cold, starvation set in during harrowing week

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"I am happy for my little dog. I slept with him. He just cuddled right up against me so I could get little spurts of sleep because he was so warm."

In attempts to hasten their rescue, Lynda made "help" signs using paper and crayons she found in the cabin that she covered in clear duct tape to protect against the rain and snow and placed out on the road.

"Then I went to the beach with a bucket and I filled it probably six times with white rocks to spell out 'help' on the driveway in hopes that a plane flying overhead might see it."

Lynda also used an old loggers' emergency call - sounding the truck's horn three times, waiting a few seconds and then repeating.

"I said that's your job and so Ken did that three times every day."

As the days went by, the couple fed the applesauce and peanut butter to their dog and "Ken and I shared that little jar of beets."

The beets were cut into cubes, and the couple limited themselves to four a day.

"I started putting sugar in the water" using the packets they found in a jar in the cabin.

If the cabin wasn't there, "I don't know how we would have survived."

As the days progressed, Lynda and Ken began to wonder if anyone would come looking for them.

As it turns out, Lynda had plans to get together with a friend to knit. When she didn't show up, the friend contacted her daughter Jacquelyn and asked if she was sick again.

"I just got over two months of pneumonia," Lynda said.

Jacquelyn had not heard from Lynda that weekend.

"So, she starts the ball rolling. My daughter came to our house and before we left, I had made a pot of homemade chicken soup and some fresh buns because we were only going to be gone two hours at the most," she said.

When her daughter knocked on the tops of the buns, left to

rise, they had fallen and were super crusty.

"She panicked," and began checking with friends and putting feelers out on social media.

Once the word got out, people from the whole North Island began to search for the missing pair.

"We had friends in Woss that went (looking) around there, because they know my husband and I love going in the backwoods," she said.

A search party started on Saturday with son Darrell heading for Ida Lake instead of Bonanza, however as he looked across the water, Darrell could see a black truck.

Two young, "very nice men" came along, and Darrell asked if they had binoculars so he could get a closer look. It was his parents' vehicle. The three men made their way over to the other side of the lake.

Lynda thinks they went along so their son wouldn't be alone if he found his parents deceased.

Lynda says the first night

back safe in her own bed sleep was elusive.

"I couldn't shut my brain off. I think my husband got a little more sleep than me, but he was up and down, too."

"I am so, so thankful. You would not believe how many people said they were going out searching or 'please if you need anything let us know'. When you're out there in that state of mind you start to think nobody cares, it was such a reinforcement for me to have that."

As they began to think they weren't going to make it, there were lots of hugs, and Ken and Lynda would sit and talk about their life together.

"I've been with this man since I was 13 and he was 19," she said. (Ken is in his

seventies and Lynda in her sixties.)

There were also prayers.

"I promised God that I'd start to go to church" if their lives were saved.

Jacquelyn insisted her parents go to the hospital to be checked out as soon as they got back to Port McNeill. There they learned their blood pressures were through the roof; their potassium levels "out of whack".

Since home, Lynda has compiled a list of everything they used in the 'Namgis cabin and plans to replace them.

She has also "started a list of what they should have" if something like this happens to someone else.

The ordeal has taught the

couple the importance of being prepared, having an emergency kit, charging cell phones, and letting people know where you are going and when you expect to be back. "I am so, so blessed for the community. In the hospital I was telling the doctor I don't know if I would have ever been found if I was anywhere else."

Ken and Lynda moved to the North Island 40 years ago. "We lived in Nimpkish Camp and when they closed, the company gave us a \$10,000 forgivable mortgage towards something in Port McNeill because they were tearing the camp apart. We were those kinds of stubborn people that stayed there," she recalled.

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Regional District investigating office expansion options

By Kathy O'Reilly

The Regional District of Mount Waddington is running out of space and is looking at building new offices.

The current board room, for

example, has barely enough room for directors and staff at the table let alone for presenters or spectators.

"For a number of years, the board has been aware of this limitation," said Econom-

ic Development Consultant Pat English, at the monthly board of directors meeting March 18.

"There are other issues with this building. For example, we have no way of

becoming wheelchair accessible for the washrooms. They're not physically big enough to have that possibility," English said.

The Regional District can either expand its current

space in its existing footprint or investigate the logistics, feasibility, location, and costs of having an entirely new facility built.

There is a housing issue in Port McNeill, "so we're exploring the gamut of potentials" including having some professional housing included in a new structure.

"We're still hearing all the time from agencies saying we can't hire people because they don't have anywhere to live.

"We can solve that problem. If we have 10 units, for example, that would be included in a build, that's at least mitigating or improving social services including our own," said English.

"We've had people turn down employment because of housing specifically," he continued.

"Island Health have in-

dicated they may want to partner" in the new building and the Regional District has also had "very favourable indications from the federal government they would give us good terms in terms of a potential lower cost share," English said.

In addition to the need for an expanded boardroom, the Regional District is also running out of office space, particularly if all staff vacancies are filled.

At this point in time, they are seeking a grant of about \$200,000 from the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) for a feasibility study.

"Ultimately, the project itself is in the exploratory stage."

Should the project proceed, the community would be consulted.

Find out how tax dollars are spent at Open House

By Kathy O'Reilly

The District of Port Hardy will be hosting an Open House to provide residents with a clear understanding of the services their local government offers and how tax dollars are spent.

The event will take place from 5-7 p.m. April 9 at the Port Hardy Civic Centre.

Last year, Council discussed the value of increasing transparency about municipal services and finances, particularly highlighting the fact that only about 45 per cent of a resident's tax bill goes to the District.

The open house creates an opportunity for the public to connect with staff, ask questions, and learn more about

the essential services that support the community.

The open house is something that has not been held in recent years, and "certainly not during my time with the District. This is the first event of its kind in a long time, making it an exciting opportunity to engage with the public in a new way," said Chief Administrative Officer Heather Nelson-Smith.

All District departments will be represented, including Council, Administration, Emergency Preparedness, Garbage and Recycling, Fire Services, Animal Control, Utilities, Public Works, Harbour, Recreation, and Finance. Staff/contractors and volun-

teers from each area will be available to answer questions and provide insight into their roles and responsibilities.

"The primary goal is to enhance the community's understanding of local government services," Nelson-Smith said.

The Open House will allow residents to learn about the programs and departments that impact their daily lives, see how their tax dollars contribute to these services, and discover ways to get involved in their community.

"We will also have food, and amazing prizes. Follow us on our website for more details and check out our Facebook page."

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The North Island Impact were the host team at the BC Hockey U18 Female Championships in the Chilton Regional Arena in Port McNeill. The Kelowna Rockets won Gold in a 1-0 game against the Trail Wildcats.

BC Hockey U18 Female Championships a resounding North Island success

The BC Hockey U18 Female Championships recently brought talented young athletes and their families to the North Island, creating an event that was both competitive and community driven.

The tournament, which featured high-calibre hockey, was made possible by the dedication of over 50 volunteers, with BC Hockey Supervisors Cyndy Grant and Liza Furney providing essential oversight.

The organizing committee's efforts ensured a seamless and memorable experience for all participants.

Local businesses embraced the championship spirit by decorating their windows and

extending warm welcomes to players and spectators alike. The generosity of these businesses went even further, with sponsorships covering the cost of admission, allowing fans to enjoy the games for free. In addition, a beautiful banquet was hosted in honour of the athletes, celebrating their achievements and the hard work that earned them a place in the Championships.

The North Island Impact, the host team, proudly represented themselves throughout the weekend, showcasing their talent and sportsmanship.

The Impact team played some great hockey. Finishing mid-pack with a win, a tie and two

losses. Player illness played a role in this unfortunately, but they played some great hockey and had four close games. They played with so much class, and several came out to cheer the other teams on right until the end.

They also had team cheerleader, Blakely Devlin, out to run dry land which made the young hockey player happy.

The event also received outstanding support from the Chilton Regional Arena staff, who went above and beyond to provide an excellent environment for the tournament, reflecting the pride of the Regional District of Mount Waddington.

Their efforts did not go unnoticed by visitors.

The North Shore Avalanche team left a thank you at Devil's Bath Brewing Co., and a beer in the bank, for one of the ice makers that worked so hard all weekend (they all deserved one!)

This event highlighted not only the high level of competition in female hockey but also the strong sense of community within the North Island. The collaboration between volunteers, businesses, and hockey enthusiasts ensured a successful championship that will be



Photo — Anthony Bucci

Despite a great effort, the Impact fell to the Trail Wildcats 2-0. The Wildcats won silver.

fondly remembered by all involved.

The fun extended off the ice. The Trail Wildcats took the opportunity to enjoy being on the ocean with a full team swim at Storey's Beach, several players went to Macy's Place in Port Hardy to have pictures taken with the hockey stick Stanley Cup.

The officials also had mentoring throughout the whole weekend by Darren Mahaffey, with BC Hockey. It was a great opportunity to discuss calls, situations they find themselves in, and was a great team building opportunity for many of our senior refs. We were really proud of the job they did managing the games

all weekend. We cannot thank the volunteers, staff, business, and fans enough for all the support shown to these teams, their families, and to Tri-Port Minor Hockey this week.

We could not have been prouder to show off our North Island Communities and the positive feedback is continuing to pour in.



Photo — Kathy O'Reilly

Gord Oppen cleans the ice during a game in the championships.

lifestyles & leisure

'Skookum' aluminium toolboxes built to last generations

By Kathy O'Reilly

Things are more 'Skookum' than ever on the North Island.

Skookum is a Chinook jargon word used in British Columbia that means strong or monstrosity.

Those definitions are certainly true of Paul Getman's toolboxes that carry the name Skookum.

Paul first came to the North Island in 1978 and worked part of a summer at the Telegraph Cove sawmill.

"My younger brother and I rented a small cabin from Olmer Brown down near Beach Camp in Port McNeill. That was a fun adventure for an 18-year-old."

Paul then headed back to Nanaimo, where he mostly grew up, and called home at the time.

"The next time I came up to the North Island was in 1984, this time to Port Hardy. There was little work to be had in Nanaimo at the time and my intention was to be here for three or four months, make some money then head back," he said.

"Six others and I shared a rented suite above the old Corney's Market. In the spring of '85 the lot of us moved to a big house in Coal Harbour."

A couple of years after that, Paul met an attractive young lady named Stephanie.

"Long story short, two kids, a handful of grandkids plus many cats and dogs later, I'm still here," he said.

"The North Island has been a great place for a young Paul Getman to have grown roots and has been a wonderful place to bring up a family and



Photo — Kathy O'Reilly

Paul Getman, from Coal Harbour, with one of his handcrafted Skookum toolboxes.

call home for these past 41 years," he said.

Paul maintains the Good

Lord gives each of us one skill or another.

"For me, I've always been

good at fixing and building things and am somewhat self-taught in much of what I do."

In the case of his toolboxes though, "Joel Eilertson, who has the float planes and museum at the hanger in Coal Harbour, showed me how to rivet properly. He was also very generous with the use of his metal shop in the Hanger where I built the first three aluminium toolboxes."

After building those, Paul went ahead and purchased some sheet metal tools of his own and is now building Skookum toolboxes in his own backyard workshop.

In terms of why he began crafting toolboxes, like many good ideas, necessity was the

mother of invention.

"Over my working career, I've probably worn out at least 15 toolboxes. The metal ones rust, and the plastic ones crack and pieces fall off. So, I thought, why not just build myself a good 'Skookum' toolbox once and for all and be done with it," he explained.

Building the first ones went so well, "I figured why not build a few more and offer them up for sale".

All the toolboxes are constructed using 16-gauge (1/16 inch) marine grade aluminium and aluminium rivets.

Each one takes eight to 10 hours - start to finish.

"I generally build four or five

at a time, assembly line fashion."

Paul likes the work.

"I do enjoy building something I know will far outlast me and likely outlast the purchaser also."

Paul's Skookum toolboxes are for sale at Port Hardy Building Supply.

"Keith and Angela have generously given me space in their store to display my toolboxes and I also advertise them on Facebook Marketplace."

He also brought them to the North Island Farmers' and Artisans Market in Port McNeill March 15. "Building these toolboxes will be a great little retirement hobby - if I ever get around to the retirement part."



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Kwakwak'wakw Fashion Show returns with larger venue

By Kathy O'Reilly

Models will be strutting down the runway in Port Hardy next month.

The Kwakwak'wakw Fashion Show, spearheaded by designer Aurellia Nelson, hamalakane'ga Kwakwani, is coming back, bigger and better.

The Kwakwak'wakw Fashion Show has moved to a larger location after last year's sold-out event at the Kwa'lilas Hotel.

This year, it will be held Saturday, April 12 at the Port Hardy Civic Centre.

Doors will open at 5:30 p.m. and show will start at 6. This year a Ball will be held at 8:30 p.m.

"There will be myself, Rebecca Grenier-Baker returning, and two new designers - Megan Desiree who is just starting her clothing and jewellery and Yola Ferrin

Willie who is incorporating Kwak'wala, traditional regalia and the youth," said Nelson, whose own line is Premium Culture Club.

Grenier-Baker is a multi-disciplinary artist who debuted her first complete collection at New York Fashion Week in 2022.

Her work has been featured in Vogue, Elle Canada, and worn on red carpets.

Baker-Grenier's grandfather was legendary Kwakiutl artist and hereditary chief Tony Hunt Sr.

Over 10 vendors with items like jewellery, etc. will be present at the show as well.

"There is also a handful of in-community businesses that have helped make the fashion show possible especially with the bigger venue. I am so appreciative

of their generosity," Nelson said.

"Our show will display more Kwakwaka'wakw dances and songs as well," Nelson said.

The Friday before the show visiting elders from North Vancouver will be back as a cultural exchange is done in the big house.

Nelson has been busy since the last fashion show.

"I've experienced new cultural rootings in my art which I'll be displaying in my new collection," she said.

"I decided after the last fashion show to move back to Port Hardy, putting myself and my needs first. Getting back in connection with my people and community," family, and friends - which she missed.

"The Port Hardy community never fails to uplift

anyone, the friendly faces and small conversations you have throughout your outings make someone sure feel special and loved."

School has been put on pause but is still within Nelson's fingertips through online access to classes, while graduation continues to creep up. Exploring the best that the North Island has to offer, Nelson worked with the Kwakiutl youth throughout the summer giving them memorable experiences.

"I plan to continue my growth and expand my horizon," she said.

"I recently put myself in a vulnerable situation where I've learned forgiveness and patience to understand people. I went to Alberta where I was able to receive love. I had mourned after losing my great gran and my whole self has felt so much healthier and better," said Nelson.

"Throughout my trip, I had the thoughts of my Nan and how proud she would have been of me and excited to hear about my trip.



Photo — Kathy O'Reilly

Aurellia Nelson is hosting the 2nd Annual Kwakwak'wakw Fashion Show April 12 at the Port Hardy Civic Centre.

"She was such a beautiful kind lady that anyone and

everyone had a place in her heart."

Premium Culture Club is still actively growing and creating new opportunities.

"In November, I attended the Indian Residential School Survivor Society Gala which was an experience in itself. Making connections with people who were thrilled to support me."

New clothing and designs continue to be created.

"I still try my best to support my community with my platform."

Tickets are available through Eventbrite.

For questions or more information about the Premium Culture Club Fashion Show people can reach Aurellia through Instagram and Facebook @premiumcultureclub or by email at a.nels.16@icloud.com.

Her website is premiumcultureclub.ca.

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The North Island Concert Society presents the Rachel Therrien Latin Jazz Project on Sunday, April 6 at 7 p.m. at the Port Hardy Civic Centre.

NI Concert Society presents Rachel Therrien and Latin Jazz

The North Island Concert Society presents the Rachel Therrien Latin Jazz Project on Sunday, April 6 at 7 p.m. at the Port Hardy Civic Centre.

From Montreal to New York City, French-Canadian trumpeter, composer and producer Rachel Therrien boasts an enviable CV.

She is considered one of the most promising jazz musicians, playing a wide variety of musical styles and rhythms.

Winner of the 2015 TD Grand Prize Jazz Award at the renowned Montreal International Jazz Festival, the 2016 Stingray Jazz Rising Star Award and nominated as Best Jazz Producer at the Independent Music Awards 2018, she has shared stages with many world-class musicians in clubs, festivals and on television throughout the Americas and the Caribbean.

Rachel has published five records: VENA (2020), Why Don't You Try (2017), Pensamiento: Colombia (2016), Home Inspiration (2014) and On Track (2011). She received stellar reviews from magazines and newspapers all over North America.

For the last few years she has toured as bandleader all over Canada, USA, Europe, Ukraine, Mexico and more, taking on the most prestigious jazz festivals and clubs.

Rachel has presented her Latin Jazz project in many different formats since 2009 with compositions and arrangements tinted with many musical influences from different Latin-American and Caribbean countries.

After living in Cuba, studying at the Instituto Superior de Arte in Havana Cuba in 2008 and having a multitude of experiences with many Latin music groups, Therrien founded her own project to play the music of the cultures she's so passionate about.

For our performance Rachel will be joined by: Michel Medrano Brindis, drums; Lazaro Martinez, congas; Alex Bellegarde, double bass; Will Soto Barreto, piano

Rachel Therrien runs a warm show high in soulful human connections with covers of groups Irakere, Buena Vista Social Club, Dizzy Gillespie, a Latin jazz John Coltrane and many compositions. If you like Jazz and love Latin music and dance, Rachel Therrien's "Latin Jazz Project" is the perfect concert for you!

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North Island Reflections



Bald Eagles typically take around five years to develop their characteristic white head and tail, along with a fully developed yellow beak. Photo by Robin Quirk, Robin's Eye Photography. If you have a photo you would like to share with our readers please email publisher@northislandeagle.com.

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**EXTERNAL POSTING
EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY
7 MILE LANDFILL AND RECYCLING CENTRE
Casual/On Call & On a Day-to-Day basis
Posting Date: Mar. 21, 2025**

This posting is for temporary work at the 7 Mile Landfill and Recycling Centre on an as-needed basis, in compliance with the Collective Agreement between RDMW and USW Local 1-1937.

Eligible Candidates Must Meet the Following Criteria:

- Have reliable transportation arrangements to and from work.
- Have an ability to perform physically demanding labour.
- Have an awareness of workplace safety.
- Comfortable working in a fast-paced, changing environment.
- Have a positive attitude, work respectfully with others and the public.
- Able to take direction and work competently with minimal supervision.
- The ability to operate machinery safely, including counterbalance forklifts.

Please note: a successful applicant will be expected to work in varying weather conditions

Wage and Benefits:

- **Hourly wage: \$24.44 to \$26.88 per hour**, plus a 2% Cost of Living Adjustment (COLA) or CPI increase as per the Collective Agreement's Appendix I - Wage Schedule.
- **Union Membership:** Employees must join the union within 20 days of hire as per Article III, Section 2.
- **Seniority and Recall Rights:** Casual employees will accrue seniority and have recall rights in accordance with Article XII, Section 2.
- **Health and Safety Compliance:** Successful candidates will complete a site and safety orientation at the 7 Mile Landfill & Recycling Centre, in line with Article XV – Occupational Health & Safety.

Application Process:

Please send your resume by email by 4:00pm Apr. 11, 2025, with the subject "7 Mile – Temporary" to:

Cameron Neil
Economic Development Officer / HR
Regional District of Mount Waddington
PO Box 729, 2044 McNeill Road, Port McNeill, BC V0N 2R0
Phone: 250-956-3301 Fax: 250-956-3232
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Additional Information:

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