



# PORT MOODY FOCUS

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## PORT MOODY 2050

## How will Port Moody evolve over the next 30 years?



### Fill out a survey to help us update our Official Community Plan

More than 360 Port Moody residents and business owners responded to our first Port Moody 2050 community survey in January/February 2021. Now we're launching a second survey to explore the community feedback we received so far about our vision and goals for Port Moody's future. We'd like to hear your thoughts on six important key themes identified by the public and City Council during our initial phases of engagement:

- economic development & employment
- development & neighbourhood planning
- community & recreation amenities
- Moody Centre revitalization
- parks & green space
- population growth

This is all part of Port Moody 2050, a one- to two-year process to gather public input and draft focused updates to the Official Community Plan, our long-term vision for the future. The results of this second community survey will inform the next phase of public engagement, when we'll be looking specifically at land use scenarios and options for four Port Moody neighbourhood areas: Seaview, Moody Centre Transit-Oriented Development Area, Oceanfront District (west of Rocky Point Park), and Murray Street.



Fill out our survey at [engageportmoody.ca](https://engageportmoody.ca) by June 28, 2021.



► **Engage Port Moody** is your source for information on Port Moody 2050 and the place where you can share your ideas and provide your feedback. Register at [engage.portmoody.ca](https://engage.portmoody.ca) and participate today. Your input will inform Council's decision-making as they consider proposed updates to the Official Community Plan.

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## Improved bike parking coming to Port Moody

Cycling is an excellent way to get around or explore Port Moody. But where do you park your bike while stopping to enjoy the local restaurants, galleries, or shopping? We're installing new bike racks around the city to make bike parking easier, safer, and more convenient.

There are 60 racks featuring the popular 'I Heart Port Moody' design in a colourful blue and green that are expected to be installed by the end of the year.

In addition, 11 artist-designed, heritage bike racks will be installed this spring around Rocky Point Park, Port Moody Station Museum, PoMoArts, and Queens Street Plaza. The racks, titled Revolting Daughters, were designed by Heather Passmore.



# Expect closures and detours on the Shoreline Trail

## SANITARY SEWER UPGRADES PROJECT STARTS THIS SUMMER

Starting in August 2021, the City is upgrading two aging sanitary sewer mains located along the section of the Shoreline Trail that runs from Murray Street to Old Orchard Park. The sewer mains are critical components of our sanitary sewer network and will ensure reliable operation of our sanitary sewer system for area residents. This is a complex, lengthy project that will require ongoing trail closures and detours. For up-to-date information, visit [portmoody.ca/shorelinetrail](http://portmoody.ca/shorelinetrail).

As part of this project, we're also planning to improve the existing Shoreline Trail paved pathway (between Murray Street and Old Orchard Park) by paving, improving drainage, widening the path in a few areas, adding environmental enhancements, and installing new benches and wayfinding signage.

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## Stay off the mudflats



It may be tempting to explore the mudflats at Burrard Inlet during low tide. However, what seems like a fun adventure can quickly turn dangerous. People and animals can sink, get stuck, and be unable to free themselves before the tide comes in. The mudflats, which can be up to eight feet deep, are unpredictable and can give way suddenly. They can even act like quicksand in some areas. Port Moody Fire Rescue is equipped and trained to perform mud rescues, but it's safer for everyone, including first responders, when you stay on the boardwalks and trails. If you see someone who is stuck, advise the person not to panic, call 9-1-1, and ask for Fire.



## Stay safe while biking and boating this summer

As the weather becomes warmer and the days get longer, Port Moody residents turn their thoughts to two great pastimes: cycling and boating!

Whether on the water or the roadways and bicycle paths, Port Moody Police remind everyone to use the right safety equipment and make sure you keep all your equipment in good working order.

Before you head out on a boat, visit [boatingbc.ca](http://boatingbc.ca) to learn five key steps for safer boating and to find a list of minimum safety equipment requirements by boat type and length.

If you're heading out on your bike, don't forget your helmet, bell, and back reflector. Find cycling safety tips and much more at [bikehub.ca](http://bikehub.ca). To register your bike in case it's lost or stolen, visit [project529.com/garage](http://project529.com/garage).



## Seasonal watering regulations

Region-wide lawn watering regulations are in effect from May 1 to October 15. Visit [metrovancover.org](http://metrovancover.org) to stay up-to-date on the current stage of watering regulations, and to find waterwise lawn care and easy water saving tips. Remember, an hour a week of sprinkling or rain is all you need for a healthy lawn!



## BE RESPECTFUL, COURTEOUS, AND KIND ON OUR TRAILS!

Pedestrians, cyclists, runners, hikers, and mountain bikers are all out on our paths and trails. If we practice trail etiquette, everyone can share the space, show respect for others, and enjoy our natural environment safely. Here are a few tips:



**Share the trail** – Travel at a safe speed and anticipate others around corners and blind spots. Let others know you are coming by giving a friendly greeting or ringing a bell. Keep in single file to the right if passing others. Bikes yield to those on foot.



**Follow COVID-19 preventative measures** – Maintain physical distancing by staying two metres (six feet) apart from anyone who is not a member of your household. Avoid gathering at trail junctions and obey any one-way trail routes. If possible, avoid using popular trails and paths during the busiest times of day, or explore a lesser known area.



**Stay on the trail** – Practice 'leave no trace' principles. Keep to designated trails to protect the surrounding ecosystem. Don't take shortcuts and don't detour around any technical features.



**Follow dog regulations** – Keep Fido leashed unless you're in a designated off-leash area. Find a full list at [portmoody.ca/dogparks](http://portmoody.ca/dogparks).



**Be prepared for wildlife** – Be ready for potential encounters with wildlife, including bears. As you move through the trails, give animals warning and enough room to adjust to your presence by talking or making noise. Find out more about how to manage wildlife encounters at [portmoody.ca/wildlife](http://portmoody.ca/wildlife).



**Plan ahead** – Be prepared and self-sufficient. Go with a partner and share your route with someone. Download a GPS trail app on your phone for navigation or carry a map in unfamiliar locations.

## HELP OUR URBAN FOREST GROW

Our urban forest, which includes all the trees in parks, boulevards, public spaces, and private property, does a lot for us. It produces oxygen, cleans pollutants out of the air, reduces temperatures by providing shade, filters stormwater, provides habitat for wildlife, and contributes to the biodiversity of our city. Trees and green spaces have also been linked to a broad range of physical and mental health benefits.

In return, here are five things you can do to help our trees and urban forest flourish:

1. Plant the right tree in the right place. Consider soil type, light conditions, and space when selecting a species.
2. Water newly planted trees once a week if it doesn't rain and more frequently during hot summer months. Aim to keep the soil moist, but not waterlogged.
3. Comply with open fire bans and fire danger ratings.
4. Avoid digging, grade changes, or excavating near trees.
5. Assist the City by watering any boulevard trees in distress during hot, dry weather.

Learn more about caring for the trees in your yard at [treesaregood.org](https://treesaregood.org).



## LEADING THE CHARGE!

### City adds first electric vehicle to fleet

The City recently welcomed our first fully electric work truck into our service fleet. The Might-E truck is an electric-powered, mid-size vehicle that will replace the use of fossil fuel powered vehicles in performing a variety of Park's operational functions. This spring, the Might-E truck will be used on the trails, in our parks, and throughout street horticulture sites in Port Moody.

The new truck will help reduce greenhouse gas emissions and noise pollution in parks and trails. It will also improve air quality for both staff operating vehicles and the community.

Reducing greenhouse gas emissions from the City's fleet is an action included in our Climate Action Plan. Visit [portmoody.ca/climateaction](https://portmoody.ca/climateaction) to learn more.

## Are you prepared for a wildfire?

Wildfire season is just around the corner, so Port Moody Fire Rescue is encouraging you to get FireSmart! Visit [FireSmartBC.ca](https://FireSmartBC.ca) to learn how to reduce the potential impacts of wildfire on your home. You'll find 10 quick tips to prepare your property, a helpful manual called FireSmart Begins at Home, and FireSmart BC news and success stories. You can also contact Port Moody Fire Rescue at [pmfd.info@portmoody.ca](mailto:pmfd.info@portmoody.ca) to arrange for a free Wildfire Hazard Assessment of your home and property. Port Moody firefighters will recommend measures to reduce your wildfire risk, and you may qualify for a grant of up to \$500 to put towards wildfire preparedness. Here in Port Moody, we are fortunate to live on the edge of beautiful forests. Let's work together to get FireSmart and help keep our community safe.

# ► The wild side of Port Moody

The stunning natural environment of Port Moody is one of the reasons many of us chose to make the city our home. However, that same natural environment is also home to a wide variety of wildlife species. With our forested mountains and tidal mudflats, encounters with wildlife are common. Minimizing and properly managing these interactions in our community is essential to safely co-exist with wildlife.



## BE BEAR AWARE

Garbage and organic waste are the top attractants for bears. Here are some tips for dealing with household waste:

- lock your carts with bear clips
- store carts inside a secured area or in a bear-resistant waste enclosure (If you do not have a secure enclosure, you can build or buy one. Visit [portmoody.ca/bears](http://portmoody.ca/bears) for more info)
- put carts out only after 5:30am on collection days in accordance with City bylaws
- bring carts back into a secured area as soon as possible after the content has been collected
- freeze smelly food scraps until collection day, and regularly rinse all carts and items to be recycled to cut back on odours
- regularly turn your backyard compost and keep it covered.

If you do encounter a bear, remain calm. Stop and back up slowly – do not run. Speak calmly, as your voice helps to identify you as human.



## COUGARS IN AREA

Cougars have been particularly active in Port Moody this year. Here are some tips to avoid attracting cougars:

- keep dogs on a leash and under control at all times
- keep house cats indoors at all times
- remove bird feeders or shrubs that may attract the preferred prey of cougars (deer, raccoons, etc.) to your yard
- be alert and make noise when walking in forested settings

If you do encounter a cougar, never run. Instead, turn and face the animal, use jackets/back packs to look as big as possible, and back away slowly. If the cougar appears to be stalking or following you, yell and throw objects such as rocks or sticks.

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[Read more about how to manage interactions with wildlife at portmoody.ca/wildlife](http://portmoody.ca/wildlife)



Bylaw enforcement staff regularly patrol neighbourhoods on non-collection days to ensure carts are being stored and locked properly, and issue fines – \$500 for a first offence. Visit [portmoody.ca/bears](http://portmoody.ca/bears) or call 604.469.4574 for tips to help you manage wildlife attractants.

# ► Nominate a deserving candidate for a 2021 Civic Award



Do you know someone inspiring, someone whose contributions to the community make Port Moody a better place? Nominate that person for a Civic Award. We're asking for nominations in six categories: Peter Hulbert Accessibility Award, Arts Award, Climate Action Award (new for 2021), Environmental Award, Heritage Award, and Sports Award.

Visit [portmoody.ca/civicawards](http://portmoody.ca/civicawards) for category descriptions, nomination criteria, and online nomination forms. The deadline for nominations is July 31, 2021. Civic committees judge the nominations and make recommendations to City Council for final approval. Winners of the 2021 Civic Awards will be announced in January 2022. Help us celebrate the diverse contributions and achievements of deserving people, organizations, and businesses – nominate today!



## SPOTLIGHT ON THE CLIMATE ACTION AWARD

New for 2021, the Climate Action Award recognizes individuals, community groups, schools, organizations, and businesses that advance the goals and objectives of Port Moody's Climate Action Plan. Nominees might retrofit their home to save energy, go car-free, or plant an incredible vegetable garden.



### *Calling all photographers!*

Share your snapshots of our city's natural beauty for a chance to be featured in our most popular publication. Upload your best images at [portmoody.ca/calendar](http://portmoody.ca/calendar) before October 15, 2021. In addition to a photo credit, we may feature your image on our website and social media accounts.



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myPortMoody is an online service that gives homeowners and business owners quick and easy access to info about their City of Port Moody property taxes, utilities, dog licences, and business licences. Sign up to receive your tax and utility bills electronically at [my.portmoody.ca](http://my.portmoody.ca) – no more paper!



## CELEBRATE CANADA DAY

**July 1, 2021** – Celebrate Canada's 154th birthday virtually at [portmoody.ca/canadaday](http://portmoody.ca/canadaday). Wear your red and white and explore the online fun, including a community art project, recipes, virtual concerts, printable activities, and much more!

## VIRTUAL GOLDEN SPIKE DAYS FESTIVAL

**July 1–4, 2021** – This long-running festival goes virtual! Find fun activities at [goldenspike.ca](http://goldenspike.ca), including a Tri-Cities Got Talent competition, Golden Spike Can-Can Dancers, interactive cooking featuring local chefs, bake-along videos, and interactive family activities.

## Yard trimmings go in your green waste cart

Spring is the season of mowing, pruning, and planting. As you clean up your garden, take care to dispose of yard waste properly.



Grass, leaves, weeds, flowers, and house plants (no dirt or soil, please), along with hedge clippings and tree branches up to four inches in diameter, can be added to your green waste cart.

The City collects green waste on a weekly basis throughout the year.

If your yard waste won't fit in your cart, store it in your garden for a week until collection day comes around again. For a fee, you can take bigger branches or larger amounts of yard waste to the Coquitlam Recycling and Waste Centre at 1200 United Boulevard.

Do not dump yard waste on public land. Although it seems harmless, it can have a negative impact on our natural environment, including introducing non-native materials, spreading invasive plants, and causing a build-up of flammable waste. A build-up of yard waste can also result in slope failure and block creeks and drainage systems, leading to flooding that can cause property damage and erosion of habitat for our local wildlife. For more information on the City's green waste collection, visit [portmoody.ca/greenwaste](http://portmoody.ca/greenwaste).



### *Don't miss your green waste collection!*

Grab our solid waste app at Google Play or the Apple app store and sign up for a text, email, tweet, or call the night before your waste collection day.



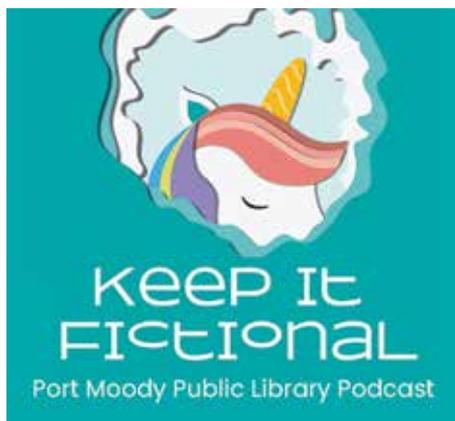
## Tax bills are due July 2

Property owners will receive a tax notice in the mail or through MyPortMoody e-billing by the end of May. If you do not receive your bill by June 1, please contact us at 604.469.4503 or email [tax@portmoody.ca](mailto:tax@portmoody.ca).

Property taxes are due July 2, 2021. Property taxes will be subject to a five per cent penalty if not paid by September 15, 2021. Penalties apply to all outstanding amounts, even unclaimed home owner grants.

Visit [portmoody.ca/taxes](http://portmoody.ca/taxes) to learn about the City's pre-payment option, the B.C. home owner grant, and B.C. tax deferral program. Eligible residents should apply for a home owner grant by July 2, 2021 and claims can be submitted online at [gov.bc.ca/homeownergrant](http://gov.bc.ca/homeownergrant).

## Get reading with the Library's Summer Reading Club



Looking for the perfect title to kick off Port Moody Public Library's Summer Reading Club? Listen to our Keep It Fictional podcast.

Keep It Fictional is a weekly podcast for book lovers, by book lovers. Build your To-Be-Read list with Corene, Fiona, Liz, Sadie, and Virginia – five librarians who are passionate about reading. Every week they will recommend great books on a theme such as unbelievable true stories, books with a blue cover, or Canadian authors. With their diverse reading tastes, we think you will find the perfect read for you.

Don't forget to subscribe to our podcast via your favourite podcast app to get notified about future episodes, and make sure you sign up for the Summer Reading Club at the Library starting on June 1, 2021. Visit [portmoodylibrary.ca](http://portmoodylibrary.ca) for more information.

**Warning:** the Keep It Fictional podcast contains strong opinions and may cause an increase in your library holds list!





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**We welcome your feedback!**

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**City Hall/Library/Inlet Theatre/Galleria**

100 Newport Drive  
Port Moody, B.C. V3H 5C3

**Port Moody Recreation Complex**

300 Ioco Road V3H 2V7

**Kyle Recreation Centre**

125 Kyle Street V3H 2N6

**Inlet Centre Fire Hall**

150 Newport Drive V3H 5C3

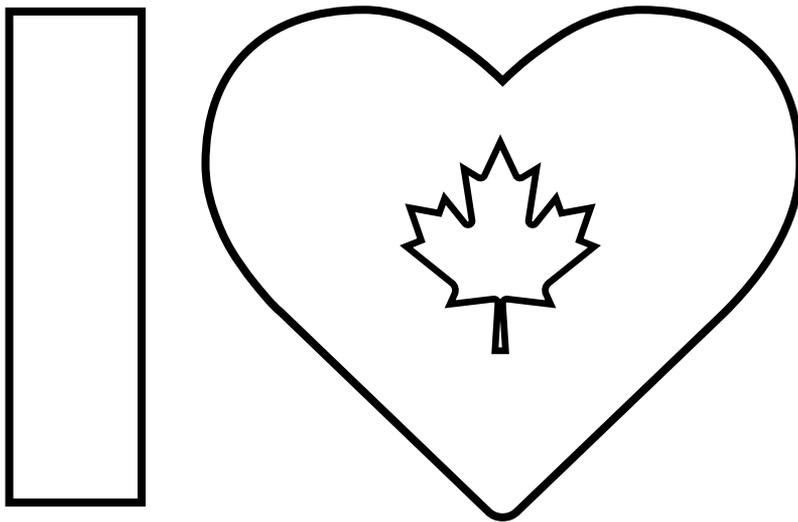
**Port Moody Works Yard**

3250 Murray Street V3H 1X8

**Public Safety Building (Police)**

3051 St. Johns Street V3H 2C4

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*Happy Canada Day!* Hang this festive colouring sheet in your front window, and show off your Port Moody pride! Find more virtual Canada Day activities at [portmoody.ca/canadaday](http://portmoody.ca/canadaday).

