



Let's talk about trees! Help us develop tools to manage one of our most important community resources

Port Moody's trees are an important community resource, integral to the health and well-being of our people, plants, and animals – and to the city's resilience in the face of climate change. We are working on two projects that recognize the vital role of trees in our community:

► Urban Forest Management Strategy

Every tree in Port Moody, whether it's on a city street or in a park or a residential yard, is part of the urban forest. We will establish a 30-year vision and develop a strategy to help us improve the health and resilience of our urban forest.

► Tree Protection Bylaw Review

Trees on public and some private land are protected under the City's Tree Protection Bylaw. We are reviewing the existing bylaw to ensure it reflects best management practices and community values.



We want to hear from you! Visit our "Trees in Port Moody" page at engage.portmoody.ca to:

- learn about the benefits that trees bring to our community;
- find out about our outdoor pop-up events in Rocky Point Park (May 27, 2022) and Bert Flinn Park (May 28, 2022);
- take our community survey – share your thoughts about how we can manage and protect the urban forest as our community evolves;
- and much more.

Our current survey will remain open through June 12, 2022. There will be additional public engagement opportunities for both projects in 2022 and 2023.

Register at engage.portmoody.ca and participate today!



Fill out our online survey on engage.portmoody.ca by June 12, 2022



Be respectful, courteous, and kind on our trails

Pedestrians, cyclists, runners, hikers, and mountain bikers are all out on our paths and trails. Here are a few tips to ensure everyone can enjoy our natural environment safely:



Share the trail – Travel at a safe speed and anticipate others coming around corners. Keep in single file to the right unless passing. Bikes yield to those on foot, and descending riders yield to ascending.



Stay on trail – Stay on the designated trail to avoid causing further degradation to the forest or altering the trail route.



Follow dog regulations – Keep your dog on leash unless in a designated off-leash area. Find off-leash parks at portmoody.ca/dogparks.



Be prepared for wildlife – 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.



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



Stay safe on our roads this summer

Cyclists are tuning their bicycles and travellers are planning their road trip adventures – and both will increase the traffic on our roads. Port Moody Police are reminding all road users to be alert, aware of your surroundings, and respectful of all those on the road, regardless of their mode of transportation.

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

If you're getting behind the wheel, slow down and drive sober. Through the summer months, drivers can expect to see enhanced enforcement of impaired driving laws with Counter Attack roadblocks in effect.

Nominate a deserving candidate for a 2022 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, Environmental Award, Heritage Award, and Sports Award.

Visit portmoody.ca/civicawards for category descriptions, nomination criteria, and online nomination forms. The deadline for nominations is July 31, 2022. Civic committees judge the nominations and make recommendations to City Council for final approval. Winners of the 2022 Civic Awards will be announced in January 2023. Help us celebrate the diverse contributions and achievements of deserving people, organizations, and businesses – nominate today!

Visit portmoody.ca/civicawards to submit your nomination by July 31, 2022!



Expect closures and detours on the Shoreline Trail

Sanitary sewer upgrades start this spring

Starting in May 2022, 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 sanitary sewer utilities for residents.



This is a complex, lengthy project that will require ongoing trail closures and detours. For up-to-date information, please visit 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.

▶ BEAR ESSENTIALS

Manage garbage and attractants

With our forested mountains and tidal mudflats, encounters with bears are common in our community. To safely co-exist, it's essential to minimize these interactions with bears.

What's the most important action you can take? Manage your garbage and other attractants.

Here are some tips for dealing with attractants around your house:

- lock your carts with bear clips
- store carts inside a secured area or in a bear-resistant waste enclosure
- 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
- regularly clean BBQ grills and drip trays to minimize food smells
- remove bird feeders in the spring and summer
- immediately collect any fallen or ripened fruit from trees or shrubs on your property



If you see a bear in Port Moody, report it to the BC Conservation Officer Service at 1.877.952.7277. This provides records for tracking wildlife encounters, which is essential in education and enforcement efforts before an animal becomes dependent on human-supplied sources of food.

Visit portmoody.ca/wildlife to learn more.



Review more bear tips and resources at portmoody.ca/bears.

Certain single-use plastic and foam items are now banned in Port Moody

In fall 2021, City Council adopted a bylaw that bans distribution of single-use plastic and foam items to reduce waste and promote responsible and sustainable environmental practices that align with our community values.

The bylaw came into effect on April 22, 2022 and bans the distribution of:



In addition, the bylaw states a business may provide a paper or reusable checkout bag to customers on request but must charge a minimum fee of \$0.25 or \$2.00 respectively. Some exemptions apply. The full bylaw, as well as additional resources, is available online at portmoody.ca/sui.

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Metro Vancouverites dispose of almost one billion single-use items per year. That's 440 bags, straws, utensils, cups, and containers per person.



Five tips from Metro Vancouver on reducing single-use items:

- when ordering takeout, request that your meal is put in as few containers as possible;
- reduce utensil spam – when ordering takeout, opt for no cutlery or napkins;
- at the grocery store, don't use plastic produce bags;
- if you drive, keep several reusable bags in your car, and store them there after each use; and
- go strawless or use a reusable straw if possible (straws are an important accessibility tool – only ask for a straw if you need one).

Find more tips and resources at superhabits.ca.

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Lawn watering regulations have changed for 2022

Seasonal watering regulations are in effect from May 1 until October 15, and lawn watering is now permitted only one day per week. Be sure to update your automatic sprinkler settings!

STAGE 1 RESIDENTIAL LAWN WATERING

- **Even-numbered** addresses on **Saturdays**
- **Odd-numbered** addresses on **Sundays**
- **Automatic watering:** 5am-7am
- **Manual watering:** 6am-9am

STAGE 1 NON-RESIDENTIAL LAWN WATERING

- **Even-numbered** addresses on **Mondays**
- **Odd-numbered** addresses on **Tuesdays**
- **Automatic watering:** 4am-6am
- **Manual watering:** 6am-9am



Watering trees, shrubs, and flowers with a sprinkler is permitted any day from 5am-9am for residential properties and 4am-6am for non-residential properties. Hand watering or using drip irrigation is permitted anytime. All hoses must have an automatic shut-off device.

Visit metrovancover.org/lawns for more info.

Help protect our wildlife – celebrate without balloons

Planning an outdoor celebration in one of our parks? Please leave the balloons at home.

Balloons released into the air, intentionally or accidentally, can have dire consequences for our natural environment.

Latex balloons and those marketed as biodegradable do not break down and can stay in our sensitive habitats long after the party is over. Deflated or popped balloons can mimic food or prey, and be targeted by local wildlife including blue herons, salmon, and harbour seals. Balloons attached to long string pose entanglement threats to birds and marine mammals.

Avoiding balloons doesn't mean the celebration is over. Consider alternatives that are more nature-friendly such as:

- **paper decorations** – paper banners, streamers, pinwheels, flowers, and chains are cost-effective, fun to make, and recyclable/biodegradable; and
- **natural materials** – celebrate with sidewalk chalk, bubbles, or flowers.

Help keep our parks clean and protect our planet! Be sure to:

- keep your celebration low waste – avoid single-use plastic items like novelty straws that will end up in the landfill;
- adapt to the landscape – do not decorate trees or shrubs, and keep decorations out of streams; and
- pack it in, pack it out – make sure to clean up when the celebration is over and take all garbage, food waste, and decorations with you.



Did you know? A 2019 study found that balloons are the highest risk debris item for birds. Birds consuming balloons are 32 times more likely to die than birds consuming hard plastic.



May is Invasive Species Month in British Columbia.

Visit bcinvasives.ca to see how you can take action to stop the spread of invasive species and protect our environment.



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.

Yard trimmings go in your green waste cart

As you mow your lawn, prune trees and hedges, and 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 United Boulevard Recycling and Waste Centre located at 995 United Boulevard in Coquitlam.

For more information on the City's green waste collection, visit portmoody.ca/greenwaste.



Tax bills are due July 4

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.

Property taxes are due July 4, 2022. Unpaid property taxes will be subject to a five per cent penalty on July 5 and a second five per cent penalty on September 16. Penalties apply to all outstanding amounts, even unclaimed home owner grants.

Visit 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 4, 2022 and claims can be submitted online at gov.bc.ca/homeownergrant.

Here are six easy ways to pay your property taxes:

- 1. By credit card** (Visa or MasterCard) at portmoody.ca/eservices. Credit card transactions are subject to a non-refundable convenience fee of 1.95% that is added to your total.
- 2. Through online banking.** Search for "Port Moody" as the payee, choose taxes, and use your 8 digit folio number (without the dash) as your account. Please be aware of your bank's online banking business cut-off time.
- 3. At your bank** (this option is available at most Canadian financial institutions). Banks do not accept home owner grant applications – please submit your grant application to the province by the due date (July 4, 2022).
- 4. By mail.** Send a cheque to the City of Port Moody, 100 Newport Drive, Port Moody, B.C., V3H 5C3. Mail early as postmarks are not accepted as date of payment. We accept postdated cheques.
- 5. 24-hour drop off.** Drop a cheque in the Finance drop box located at the rear entrance to City Hall.
- 6. In-person.** The Finance customer service counter is open for drop-in service at City Hall from 8:30am to 5pm, Monday to Friday.



Call us at 604.469.4503 or visit portmoody.ca/taxes if you have any questions.



New online resources for development applications

We have recently launched two online development planning tools – a real-time GIS map, and a web-based application submission process.

For the public, if you would like to know more about applications for development that are under review in Port Moody, you can visit the updated 'current development applications' GIS map. Staff now track development applications in a new database that is directly linked to the map. This significant improvement is both more efficient for staff and provides the public with up-to-date information on each project. For those projects that are also posted on Engage Port Moody, our online public engagement hub, a link is included in the project description.

For applicants interested in developing property, you can now submit a development application online. With the new web-based submission process, applicants can more easily submit their application and required documentation together.



To learn more about development and planning please visit portmoody.ca/development.

To see what development applications are open for public input on Engage Port Moody, please visit engage.portmoody.ca.



Be FireSmart: prepare your home for wildfire season

As summers continue to become drier and hotter, we all need to do our part to prepare our homes for the coming wildfire season.

Port Moody Fire Rescue offers free FireSmart property assessments. This assessment will look at various aspects of your property and leave you with customized

recommendations to better prepare your home in case of a wildfire. In addition, a Port Moody Fire Rescue souvenir and fun learning materials will be provided to your kids.

To book your free home visit, email pmfd.info@portmoody.ca. Together we can protect our community and keep forest fires out of Port Moody.



Are you ready in case of an emergency? Ensure your smoke detectors are working properly, practice your home fire escape plan with your children, and be sure to keep a 72 hour emergency supply kit stocked and ready should a disaster strike.



Find out more at portmoody.ca/rebate.

STAY OFF THE MUDFLATS

The mudflats at Burrard Inlet are dangerous and unpredictable, and residents and visitors are asked to stay on the boardwalks and trails.

The mudflats, which can be up to eight feet deep, can give way suddenly and can even act like quicksand in some areas. People and animals can sink, get stuck, and be unable to get out before the tide comes in.

Port Moody Fire Rescue is equipped and trained to perform mud rescues, but it's safer for everyone, including first responders, when you stay off the mudflats.

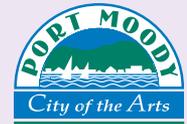


If you see someone who is stuck, advise the person not to panic, call 9.1.1, and ask for Fire.



Did you know the mudflats provide a home for a biodiverse community of marine creatures that are sensitive to disturbance? The City's trail system, including the wooden boardwalk, is designed so people can enjoy the picturesque area while keeping it pristine for future generations.





The City of Port Moody publishes the Focus newsletter twice a year (spring/summer and fall/winter editions). It is distributed to households and businesses in Port Moody. You can also pick one up at any City facility or download it at portmoody.ca.

We welcome your feedback!

Call us at 604.469.4724 or email communications@portmoody.ca.

Contact Information

Emergency	9.1.1
City Hall	604.469.4500
Mayor & Council	604.469.4501
City Manager	604.469.4521
Building	604.469.4534
Bylaws & Licensing	604.469.4541
Engineering	604.469.4618
Environment	604.469.4547
Fire Rescue	604.469.7795
Kyle Centre	604.469.4561
Legislative Svcs	604.469.4603
Library	604.469.4575
Non-emergency after-hours for public works	604.469.4574
Planning & Dev	604.469.4540
Police	604.461.3456
Public Works	604.469.4574
Recreation	604.469.4556
Taxes & Utilities	604.469.4503

City Hall/Library/Inlet Theatre/Galleria

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

Port Moody Recreation Complex

300 loco 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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Celebrate our public works superheroes!

National Public Works Week is May 15-21, 2022, and this year's theme is "Ready & Resilient."

Within every public works professional lies a superhero – always ready to serve their community and resilient in their ability to adapt to challenges. From providing clean water and disposing of solid waste, to maintaining our roads and parks, public works superheroes perform vital services and help keep our communities strong.

► **Contest alert!** To help us celebrate our superheroes, we're holding a poster contest for kids. Download a template at portmoody.ca/publicworks and design a poster that showcases any part of public works. Submit your design to the reception desk at Port Moody City Hall before Friday, May 27 for the chance to win a draw prize.

Join the club: summer reading for kids, teens, and adults

Whether you are enjoying a vacation in the sun or a staycation at home, you can turn your summer reading into fantastic prizes with the Port Moody Public Library's summer reading clubs!

Adults and teens can pick-up a game board and roll to see what twists and turns their reading life will take in the "Book of Life" game. Different paths have different reading challenges, but they all lead to a chance to win an amazing, bookish grand prize.

Keep the kids reading all summer long with the "All Together Now" reading club. Pick up a registration package full of fun surprises and then read for 15 minutes for 50 days to receive a gold reading medal. Club members can also enjoy free weekly activity bags and register for great library programs like coding, Minecraft, crafting, writing and more.

Registration for the summer reading clubs start on June 1, 2022.



Pancake breakfast is back

Don't forget to bring your appetite to the 45th Annual Port Moody Firefighters' Pancake Breakfast!

Once again held in-person, the breakfast takes place over the Canada Day long weekend on **July 2-3, 2022**.

For up-to-date event information check out:

- **Twitter** @PortMoodyFR
- **Instagram** @portmoodyfirerescue
- **Facebook** @portmoodyfirerescue

