



Accessibility improvements coming to three civic facilities

Participation in Rick Hansen Foundation program will help the City plan for upgrades to Civic Centre, Recreation Complex, Arts Centre

The City of Port Moody has been selected, along with seven other B.C. municipalities, to participate in the Rick Hansen Foundation's B.C. Accessibility Grants Program. Developed to help municipalities and organizations ensure their sites and communities are accessible for people of all ages and abilities, the B.C. Accessibility Grants Program provides participating cities with Rick Hansen Foundation Accessibility Certification™ (RHFAC) ratings for three existing sites, up to \$82,500 in accessibility improvement funds to be allocated for upgrades to the three rated sites, and accessibility training for city staff.

The eight participating municipalities were selected based on population and geographic representation. In Port Moody, the sites that have been assessed are the Civic Centre (City Hall, Inlet Theatre, Port Moody Public Library – 100 Newport Drive), the Port Moody Recreation Complex (300 loco Road), and the Arts Centre (PoMoArts – 2425 St. Johns Street). The City is in the process of reviewing the RHFAC ratings; the timeline for completion of any upgrades will be determined after the City has had a chance to review the recommended improvements and consider budget implications.

► Did you know?

Port Moody's Inclusion, Diversity, Equity, and Accessibility (IDEA) Committee, new in 2023, provides City Council with advice and recommendations on inclusion, diversity, equity, and accessibility issues, strategies, and initiatives. Visit portmoody.ca/committees to learn more. Find agendas and minutes for all committee and Council meetings at portmoody.ca/councilcalendar.

To find out about future announcements related to this project, visit portmoody.ca/news and subscribe to receive City news.

Summer construction updates – know before you go



Trail closure coming soon due to Shoreline Trail Sanitary Sewer Upgrades Project

Due to Phase 2 construction for the Shoreline Trail Sanitary Sewer Upgrades Project, the section of the Shoreline Trail paved pathway that runs from the 3200 block of Murray Street to Old Orchard Park will be closed June through December 2023. A detour route will be in effect. Signs are posted along the trail, and you can also view a detour map at portmoody.ca/shorelinetrail.

Phase 2 construction will focus on improvements to the paved trail from the 3200 block of Murray Street to Old Orchard Park. Benefits will include: a wider pathway in some areas as well as installation of a new asphalt surface and improved drainage; new benches, wayfinding signs, and interpretive signs; and improvements to environmental and riparian areas.

Phase 1 came to an end in March 2023 with the completion of upgrades to two aging sanitary sewer mains that are critical components of Port Moody's sanitary sewer network.



Site preparation underway for St. Johns Street Redesign Project

Site preparation is underway and construction is set to begin this summer for the St. Johns Street Redesign Project, which will make St. Johns a more comfortable and convenient place for people to walk, cycle, and access transit.

The first phase of the project will focus on the construction of a new multi-use path on the south side of St. Johns Street from Albert Street to Moody Street. Once construction is underway, please expect minor traffic disruptions and reduced parking in the area.

Phase 2 will focus on St. Johns Street from Moody Street to loco Road and will aim to improve active (non-motorized) transportation in conjunction with development. Visit portmoody.ca/stjohns to learn more about this project.



Construction underway for Inlet Park Redevelopment Project

Construction is underway for the Inlet Park Redevelopment Project, which will transform the park into a versatile recreation facility and community space for all to enjoy.

We're replacing the gravel field with a high-quality, all-weather, artificial turf surface. Additional improvements will include: three smaller "Super 8" soccer pitches suitable for younger players; a FIFA-regulation field for adult soccer games; and two baseball and softball diamonds.

Please expect minor traffic disruptions and restrictions on street parking in the area. The pathway that connects Inlet Field to the Shoreline Trail has been closed since the start of the project and will remain closed until completion in late 2023. Visit portmoody.ca/inletpark for more information.

Keep up to date on what's going on in your neighbourhood at portmoody.ca/roadwork.



Summertime safety

Plan ahead for a safe ride home

It's patio season! Late spring and summer is a great time for socializing outdoors with friends and family. If your warm weather activities involve drinking alcohol or using cannabis or other drugs, Port Moody Police encourage you to plan ahead for a safe ride home. According to ICBC, 64 people die each year in B.C. in crashes involving impaired driving, with almost a third of these incidents happening over the summer months. These deaths are preventable, and the best time to plan for your ride home is before you start drinking or using drugs. Arrange a designated driver, ask a friend to pick you up, call a taxi or a ride-hailing service, or take transit. If you've been drinking or using drugs at home or at a friend's place, stay where you are and don't drive.

Through the summer months, drivers can expect to see enhanced enforcement of impaired driving laws with Counter Attack roadblocks in effect. When you drive while impaired, you not only risk facing penalties – such as driving suspensions, vehicle impoundment, fines, or jail time – you risk your own life and the lives of others on the road. Plan ahead to make sure you, and those around you, arrive home safely.



Protect your home – book your FireSmart property assessment today

Wildfires are a reality in our region during the warmer months, but there are things we can do to protect our homes and our community. Simple actions – such as keeping gutters clean, cleaning under decks, mowing the lawn, and choosing fire-resistant plants for your yard – can make a big difference. Make sure you are prepared so you can reduce the potential impacts of a wildfire on your home.

Port Moody Fire Rescue (PMFR) offers free FireSmart property assessments for Port Moody residents, community associations, and strata properties – you can request an assessment by sending an email to pmfd.info@portmoody.ca. A certified FireSmart PMFR member will help identify wildfire hazards around your property and suggest actions to reduce the risk of damage. Property owners who implement recommended FireSmart strategies within zero to 10 metres from their home will be eligible for FireSmart grants. Visit portmoody.ca/firerescue for more information.





Summer reading is rewarding! Prizes and medals await when you join a club

It's finally beach-read season! And what better way to enhance your stories in the sun than joining one of the Port Moody Public Library's summer reading challenges?

Adults and teens can pick up a special summer reading challenge boardgame at the Library and read their way to fantastic prizes. Choose your own literary adventure or take a staff recommendation from our displays and online suggestions.

Keep the kids reading all summer long by signing them up for the "Journey Through Time" reading club. This free, self-directed program encourages kids to read for 15 minutes for 50 days to receive a gold reading medal in an exciting ceremony. Club members can also enjoy free library programs such as puppet shows, coding, crochet, Dungeons & Dragons, a reading campout, and more!



Registration for all summer reading clubs begins on June 1, 2023, in person at the Library (100 Newport Drive).



Tax bills are due July 4, 2023

Property owners receive tax notices in the mail or through MyPortMoody e-billing by the end of May. If you have not received your bill by June 1, please contact us at 604.469.4503 or email tax@portmoody.ca.

Property taxes are due July 4, 2023. Unpaid property taxes will be subject to a five per cent penalty after July 4, and a second five per cent penalty after September 15. Penalties apply to all outstanding amounts, even unclaimed home owner grants.

To apply for a home owner grant or find more information, please visit gov.bc.ca/homeownergrant. Eligible residents should apply for a home owner grant by July 4, 2023.

PORTMOODY.CA/TAXES

Learn, share, and shape your city at Engage Port Moody

Engage Port Moody is our online public engagement hub where you can learn about current plans and projects, share your ideas, and provide your feedback. We want to hear your voice – register today at engage.portmoody.ca and join more than 2,600 other Port Moody residents who receive notifications about upcoming engagement opportunities. Be sure to opt in to receive email communications from us.

On Engage Port Moody, you'll find information on projects with upcoming engagement opportunities as well as information on significant development applications. For development applications that are open for input, you can share your thoughts by filling out a comment card. Your feedback will be provided to City Council for their consideration during the application review process.

Don't miss your chance to share your thoughts with us! Visit engage.portmoody.ca today to learn more and register to participate.



Planning for the future of the Shoreline Trail Boardwalk



Port Moody's Shoreline Trail includes two sections of boardwalk, four bridges, and a raised gravel pathway around Pigeon Cove, in addition to the paved multi-use pathway. This area is one of Port Moody's most widely used trails, hosting over 230,000 visits a year. In addition to being an important recreational area for the community, this is a critical ecosystem area for fish, birds, and other wildlife.

The boardwalks were originally constructed by City crews over 30 years ago as part of a larger trail system connecting Rocky Point Park to Old Orchard Park. At present, these unique wooden structures are aging and are frequently covered by water during king tides and storm surges. In 2021 an assessment determined that the boardwalks and bridges will need to be replaced, and City staff began the process of planning for this trail renewal.

The City is also considering opportunities for collaboration with other projects underway along the Shoreline Trail, such as **In the Presence of Ancestors**, a project that will culminate in the raising of five house posts along Port Moody's shoreline. One house post site is proposed for a side trail off the boardwalk network, which may provide an opportunity to connect an additional viewing platform on the northeast side of the cove to the new boardwalks.



Many steps in the planning process remain, including engagement with Rights Holder First Nations and stakeholder groups, and information-sharing with the community. The City must also determine the final boardwalk and bridge designs, budget and timing of construction.

Replacing the boardwalks is a complex project that:

- is in an area of **high archeological importance** to local First Nations;
- is in an area that has **significant environmental and wildlife value**, including riparian habitat, salmon bearing creeks, and tidal mud flats and marshes that support a large number of species;
- must consider **multiple design options** to determine an approach that is adaptable to climate change and rising sea level while meeting the unique construction requirements of this area within the budget available;
- requires **specialized construction methods**, with work only permitted in this environmentally sensitive area between August and March of each year; and
- requires a **significant budget**.

Visit portmoody.ca/shorelineboardwalk to learn more, share comments or ask questions.

Swim programs transition to Lifesaving Society's Swim for Life

The City of Port Moody has partnered with the B.C. and Yukon branch of the Lifesaving Society to offer swimming lessons through the Society's Swim for Life program starting in June 2023. Previously, we offered swimming instruction through the Red Cross Swim Kids program; however, the Canadian Red Cross is winding down its swim and lifeguard programs to focus on humanitarian work.

Swim for Life is a complete learn-to-swim program that runs the full spectrum from parent and tot levels to adult lessons and lifesaving instruction. The program is endorsed by the Canadian Red Cross, the International Life Saving Federation, and the Commonwealth Royal Life Saving Society. Wondering how swim levels compare between Swim for Life and Swim Kids? Visit portmoody.ca/aquatics to view our lesson conversion chart and discover your child's new swimming lesson level.

You can view upcoming summer aquatics programs online at portmoody.ca/signmeup starting June 8, 2023. Registration for summer aquatics begins online June 13, 2023 at 8am.



Barber Street playground

Playground improvements bring new life to Port Moody parks

The City is more than half-way through a project to repair or replace aging playground equipment at six Port Moody parks. Improvements are still to come at Seaview Park (1255 Cecile Drive) and Westhill Park (203 Westhill Place), but playground repairs and replacements have been completed at Barber Street (94 April Road), Art Wilkinson (492 Glencoe Drive), Town Centre (300 Ioco Road), and Twin Creeks (233 Parkside Drive) parks.

The Barber Street playground has a new swing set and a new climbing structure with slide, designed for children aged two to five, on an engineered wood fibre surface. The aging play structure for two- to five-year-olds at Art Wilkinson Park has been replaced with a new structure with a slide, spring rider, and saddle spinner. At Town Centre Park, you'll find a new swing set, designed for children aged two to five, on a rubberized surface. The Twin Creeks Park playground has a new climbing structure with slide, designed for kids aged five to 12 years.

We thank our residents, especially our smallest ones, for their patience during construction. We hope you enjoy the playground improvements. The upgraded equipment and surfaces will be ready for play for many years to come!

Your Guide to Summer is coming soon!

The City of Port Moody's Guide to Summer – your guide to culture, events, and parks in the City of the Arts – will be available in early June at City Hall (100 Newport Drive) and online at portmoody.ca.

We've got you covered, from June through September, with events and activities for all ages and areas of interest. Your summer of fun awaits!



Photo by Cory Olson



Port Moody is now a certified bat-friendly community

Port Moody has received certification as a bat-friendly community from the Community Bat Programs of BC. This designation is earned through meeting bat conservation criteria such as protecting, creating, or enhancing habitat, and committing to ongoing bat habitat conservation and education.

Ten different bat species have been observed in our area, including the endangered Little Brown Myotis. Port Moody's natural areas provide important habitat for bats, particularly along the Shoreline Trail and around Westhill Park. Bats play important ecosystem roles, such as controlling insect populations (like mosquitos) and pollinating plants.

Local volunteers, including Burke Mountain Naturalists, make ongoing, vital contributions to bat conservation work in our community. For example, they monitor Port Moody bats and care for bat boxes in the city. BCIT students have also played an important role, through a recent ecological study to assess bat habitat around Shoreline Trail. Visit portmoody.ca/wildlife or contact environment@portmoody.ca to learn more.

You can support bats by landscaping with native species, reducing bright outdoor lights at night, and removing an invasive plant called Burdock (which can trap bats).

Help us protect purple martins by giving them space

Purple martins migrate to Port Moody every year from South America from May until August. They are an important part of the ecosystem because, as insectivores, they help to control insect populations by eating flies, beetles, and moths.

These amazing birds nearly disappeared from B.C. in the 1980s due to a drastic reduction in nesting habitat. However, due to more than 30 years of conservation efforts by local stewardship volunteers to establish new nest boxes, purple martins have continued to return every year to Port Moody.

They nest near water and are rarely seen on land. In Port Moody, artificial boxes attached to marine pilings provide ideal nesting habitat – these special nest boxes can be viewed from Rocky Point Park or Old Orchard Park shorelines. We can coexist with purple martins by enjoying them from the land or maintaining an on-water distance of at least 30 metres from nest boxes (for boats, kayaks, and paddleboards). Let's give them the space they need so they'll continue to come back to Port Moody in the years to come.



Photo by Kiyoshi Takahashi

Community Events



Council meetings

Council meets on most Tuesday evenings, except in August and December. Find agendas online, at City Hall and the Library. Visit portmoody.ca/councilmeetings for more information. We also stream Council meetings live at portmoody.ca/watchlive



Community Snapshot: Mayor Meghan Lahti (left) and Councillor Samantha Agtarap (right) get ready to plant bat-friendly plants – species that attract food for bats such as moth caterpillars and other insects – outside City Hall on International Bat Appreciate Day.

In the Presence of Ancestors House Post Blessing Ceremony

June 21, welcome at 5:30pm, blessing ceremony at 7pm
PCT Performance Stage
at Rocky Point Park,
2800 Blk Murray Street

In the Presence of Ancestors, led by artistic director Tasha Faye Evans, is a project that reasserts the presence of the original caretakers of the Coast Salish lands and waters in and around the place we now call Port Moody. This project will culminate with the raising of five house posts from Coast Salish Nations along Port Moody's Shoreline Trail. On June 21, 2023, the first three house posts (səlilwətał, kʷikwəłəm, xʷməθkʷəyəm) will be blessed in public ceremony. portmoody.ca/ancestors

Port Moody Summer Farmer's Market

Every Wed through Oct 4
Recreation Complex
300 loco Road

Find local BC produce, artisan crafts, and delicious baked goods. makebakegrow.com

Golden Spike Days Festival

June 30–July 3, times vary
Rocky Point Park
2800 Blk Murray Street
Enjoy food, community booths, live music, and family-friendly entertainment such as the Tri-Cities Got Talent competition. It's a Port Moody tradition – don't miss it! goldenspike.ca

Port Moody Firefighters 46th Annual Pancake Breakfast

July 1 & 2, 8:30am–12pm
Inlet Centre Fire Hall
150 Newport Drive
Raise money, have fun, and eat pancakes with your friends and neighbours over the Canada Day long weekend.
@portmoodyfirerescue

Canada Day

July 1, 1pm
Rocky Point Park
2800 Blk Murray Street
Join Mayor and Council for a special ceremony and a free cookie. Stop by Pop-Up City Hall between 11am–5pm for games, crafts, and prizes.
portmoody.ca/canadaday

Summer Sundays Concerts

Sundays from July 9–Sept 3 (except July 23), 2pm
Rocky Point Park
2800 Blk Murray Street
Enjoy free blues, soul, funk, and R&B concerts in the park every Sunday throughout the summer. summersundays.ca

Port Moody Rotary RibFest

July 21–23, 11am–9pm
Rocky Point Park
2800 Blk Murray Street
This popular community event features three full days of delicious BBQ, food and beverage vendors, live music, and family-friendly activities. portmoodyribfest.ca

PoMoArts Gallery Openings

June 15, 6–8pm
July 27, 6–8pm
PoMoArts
2425 St. Johns Street
Experiencethe work of contemporary artists at PoMoArts gallery opening receptions. pomoarts.ca

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!

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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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