



We want to hear your budget priorities for 2024

Let us know how Port Moody should use your tax dollars by participating in our budget survey, coming in January 2024

Port Moody Council wants to hear from you on your priorities for the city, in 2024 and into the future. Are you looking for increased service levels? Or reduced taxes? Which City service categories are the most important to you, your family, or your business? Have your say in how Port Moody tax dollars are spent by participating in our upcoming budget consultation. City Council will review and consider your comments and suggestions for incorporation into their final budget deliberations.

Building the annual budget is a complex, months-long process that seeks to balance the community's needs and best value for taxpayers' dollars. As we begin this process for the 2024 budget, we want to assure you that we recognize the impacts of economic pressures on our residents and local businesses. We are mindful of the need to keep property tax increases as low as possible while maintaining service levels that contribute to a good quality of life for everyone. Your input helps Council find the right balance.

Our budget consultation process breaks down the City's different service areas and provides an opportunity to give input on funding. Both the City and you – our residents – have faced new challenges over the past year, and we want to ensure that we're meeting the needs of the community and using your tax dollars responsibly.

We want to hear your voice! That's why we're encouraging you to sign up at Engage Port Moody, our online public engagement hub where you can learn about current plans and projects, share your ideas, and provide your feedback. Register at engage.portmoody.ca today and opt in to receive email communications from us – we'll send you an email when our budget consultation opens for input in January 2024.



► Did you know? In 2023:

- 1,000 people visited our budget consultation page on Engage Port Moody, leading to our highest number of survey responses for a budget yet!
- The budget consultation showed that overall, the most popular choice was to maintain our current service levels via a modest tax increase.
- Port Moody's parks and trails were a top priority, with 24% of respondents interested in a tax increase to support enhancements.
- Our largest capital project was \$2.2 million for improvements and renewal to the City's water distribution network.

Budget consultation opens in January 2024

engage.portmoody.ca



When the weather outside is frightful...

Unless you're travelling in a one-horse-open sleigh, you probably rely on City workers and your neighbours to keep roads and sidewalks clear. Before the first flakes fall is a great time to brush up on owner, strata, and business snow-clearing responsibilities and tips.

- When you're shoveling, avoid clearing snow from your driveway into the road; it can make it more difficult for the plows to effectively clear the lanes and can result in snow being pushed back onto the sidewalk or your driveway. Instead, clear snow towards the right of your driveway which also allows for clearer lines of sight for you and for vehicles on the road.
- Most sidewalks need to be cleared by residents or business owners within 24 hours, except for the Priority Pedestrian Routes near transit hubs that need to be cleared prior to 10am. The list of Priority Pedestrian Routes can be found at portmoody.ca/snowandice.
- Accessibility doesn't stop during winter weather – take care that accessibility ramps for walkways and accessible parking spots are cleared to allow access for all.

In 2023 we've implemented some new parking restrictions during snowfall events to allow our plows to clear your way efficiently and effectively. Watch for signs or review the areas on our website at portmoody.ca/snowandice.



Report potholes

If you see a pothole or other road hazard, please let us know. Email operations@portmoody.ca (for response during normal business hours) or call 604.469.4574 (monitored 24 hours a day, 7 days a week). Please be aware that the City is not liable for damage caused to your vehicle by potholes or road hazards. Contact your personal auto insurance provider to seek coverage for vehicle damage.



Recognize Snow Stars

We have a special recognition program for Snow Stars who go above and beyond in keeping roads and sidewalks clear. Take a moment to show your gratitude for a good neighbour by filling out our nomination form online at portmoody.ca/snowstars. Approved Snow Stars will receive a letter of thanks and a special toque as a token of our appreciation.



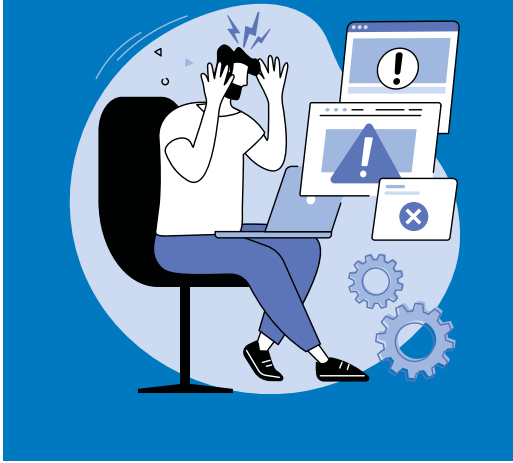
2024 calendar available now

Our 2024 calendar contains stunning photos of Port Moody's natural environment, wildlife, and favourite places, as well as a super handy waste collection schedule. Copies were mailed to houses in late November. You can also pick up a copy at City Hall, the Recreation Complex, or the Port Moody Public Library, while supplies last. *Cover photo by Cathy Nichols.*

Tech troubles? The Library can help!

Struggling with a new phone, tablet, or eReader? Want to do something with your device but just can't figure out where to start? For simple tasks, find help anytime at the Port Moody Public Library's Information Desk. For complicated questions, the Library offers Tech Appointments: a 45-minute, one-on-one session with a librarian who can help you with your tech troubles.

The Library can help with basic tasks like setting up email, using computer programs like Microsoft Word, learning how to use apps on your phone, and more. Give the library a call at 604-469-4577, or visit our website at portmoodylibrary.ca/TechHelp to fill out a form online, and book your one-on-one appointment!



CPKC Holiday Train Celebration

December 18, 2023 from 5:20pm-7:30pm
Recreation Complex (300 Ioco Road) and
Civic Centre (100 Newport Drive)

Join us for festive family fun at the Rec Complex and Civic Centre, both indoors and outdoors. The CPKC Holiday Train will arrive decked out in holiday lights at 5:20pm, with live performances at 5:45pm from Tyler Shaw and Kiesza. Bring a cash or non-perishable food donation to support people in need in our community. Learn more at portmoody.ca/holidaytrain.



Christmas and New Year's Eve Skates

December 24 and 31, 2023 from 11:30am-3pm
Recreation Complex (300 Ioco Road)

Pull on an ugly sweater, lace up your skates, and celebrate the season at our Christmas Eve Skate on December 24 and our New Year's Eve Skate on December 31. Advance registration is recommended for these popular events – register up to 25 hours in advance at portmoody.ca/signmeup. Regular admission rates apply.



Centralized Recycling Day

January 6, 2024 from 10am-3pm
Civic Centre parking lot
(100 Newport Drive)

Recycle your wrap (and so much more!) at our Centralized Recycling Day. Port Moody residents can drop off paper gift wrap and boxes, Styrofoam and packaging, and plastic film. Please note that Styrofoam and plastic film must be bagged separately. Ribbons, bows, foil gift wrap, regular household garbage, and glass will not be accepted.



Port Moody Firefighters Local 2399 Tree Chip

January 6 and 7, 2024 from 10am-4pm
Inlet Centre Fire Hall (150 Newport Drive)

Donate to help burn survivors at the 19th Annual Port Moody Firefighters' Tree Chip. This is a drive-through event which also offers fun activities such as truck tours and demonstrations that showcase the dangers of a dry tree. Coffee and hot chocolate will be available. If you would like to make use of their tree pick-up service, please email burnfund2399@gmail.com.

Fitness fun for everyone

Did you know that admission passes to the Port Moody Recreation Complex give you access to the fitness centre, drop-in activities, public skates, public swims, and more? There's a pass for every budget – from punch cards to unlimited memberships. An annual pass starts at \$19/month and makes a great gift for others (or yourself - we won't tell!). Find details at portmoody.ca/recreation.





Home (safe) for the holidays

During the winter months, we spend a lot of time indoors. To make sure you and your loved ones stay safe over the holidays, and all year long, check your home for safety hazards. It's also a good idea to develop a home fire escape plan so everyone is aware of escape routes and a pre-arranged outdoor meeting place.

Do you have working smoke alarms? When there is a fire, smoke spreads quickly. Working smoke alarms give you an early warning so you can get outside safely. Be sure to test and clean all your smoke alarms on a regular basis. Follow the manufacturer's instructions for testing, maintenance, battery replacement, and alarm expiration.

Test your carbon monoxide detector regularly as well. If you don't have one, consider installing one, especially if you have a gas fireplace in your home. Carbon monoxide poisoning can lead to unconsciousness, brain damage, or death. If you suspect carbon monoxide in your home or your carbon monoxide alarm goes off, go outside and call 9-1-1.



Apply for a home safety inspection

'Tis the season for potential home fire hazards such as heaters, fireplaces, and Christmas trees. If you're not sure how to do your own home safety check, apply for a home safety inspection with portmoody.ca/firerescue. A firefighter will check your home for safety hazards, make sure your smoke alarms are working properly, and provide you with a report with recommendations for safety improvements. You must be a Port Moody resident to request a free home safety inspection.

News and safety tips from Port Moody Police

Go online to file a report for a minor crime

This fall, Port Moody Police Department (PMPD) launched online crime reporting. You can now report lost property, traffic complaints, and minor crimes such as vandalism, graffiti, and minor theft via the PMPD's website. Visit portmoodypolice.ca to file a report electronically. The non-emergency phone line is still available if you prefer to make a report via telephone – call 604.461.3456.

Help prevent auto crime

Did you know theft from automobiles is one of the most common crimes reported to Port Moody Police? According to ICBC, the most popular items stolen from vehicles include smart phones and tablets, navigation devices, credit cards and identification cards, cash and coins, keys and garage door openers, and sunglasses. Never leave valuables in your car and always lock your vehicle. If you are the victim of auto crime, please report it to PMPD. Call the non-emergency line at 604.461.3456 or file a report online at portmoodypolice.ca.



Use a safe exchange zone

In 2023, PMPD added a safe exchange zone in front of its headquarters at 3051 St. Johns Street. There are multiple CCTV cameras facing this well-lit public location, which can be used as a meeting place to complete online transactions between strangers or to transfer children (e.g. as per a custody agreement) between parents and/or guardians.

Fall/winter construction updates



Inlet Park

Our work on the Inlet Park Redevelopment Project is proceeding as planned to transform the park into a versatile recreation facility and community space for all to enjoy. Grading, field fencing installation, and construction of the perimeter pathway and boardwalk will continue to the end of 2023.

We're also preparing for the installation of the artificial turf and construction of the playground facilities. In early 2024 you will see landscaping and planting to bring the park site to life. We look forward to welcoming you to Inlet Park in 2024! Visit portmoody.ca/inletpark for more information.



Shoreline Trail sanitary sewer upgrades

We're approaching the completion of our Shoreline Trail Sanitary Sewer Upgrades Project and anticipate the enhanced Shoreline Trail multi-use pathway will be open to the public in January 2024. Until then, the section of the Shoreline Trail paved pathway from Murray Street to Old Orchard Park will remain closed. Please continue to use the detour on loco, Sentinel and San Remo Drive and obey the instructions of on-site traffic control personnel and signage. Find the detour map at portmoody.ca/shorelinetrail.

The project includes new surfacing, which will improve drainage and accessibility for trail users. We're also adding wayfinding signage, new furnishings, and landscaping.



Watermain projects in Glenayre, College Park, and Seaview

If you live in Glenayre, College Park, or the Seaview neighbourhood, you will have noticed the significant watermain projects that were underway in 2023. These projects included full roadway asphalt replacement, and sidewalk, curb, and gutter restoration. We successfully replaced 1.5 kilometres of watermain this year, in addition to the 1.5 kilometres that we completed in 2022 in College Park.

We also made improvements and repairs to the sanitary sewer in the area, which collects sewage from properties in these neighbourhoods and conveys it to Metro Vancouver's sewer system for treatment.

Follow progress of corporate projects with City's new dashboard

Are you interested in learning about the projects that support the 2023-2026 Council Strategic Plan? Port Moody's Corporate Project Plan dashboard, available at portmoody.ca/dashboard, shows how each project included in the Plan aligns with Council's objectives, along with the project's progress (percent complete) and status (e.g. on track, some disruption, on hold).

What is the Corporate Project Plan?

As new projects are recommended by staff or Council, they are assessed to determine if they align with the Strategic Plan's goals and objectives. If a new project supports the Council Strategic Plan, it is integrated into the Corporate Project Plan, which lists all active projects and their priority level as determined by Council. City staff provide Council with progress reports at open Council meetings on a regular basis. These progress reports provide an opportunity for Council and the public to understand how staff is advancing the Corporate Project Plan.

What is the 2023-2026 Council Strategic Plan?

The Council Strategic Plan provides a framework for setting priorities and making decisions. It sets out goals in four priority areas – Sustainable Core Services, Healthy Community Development, Resilient Natural Environment, and Vibrant and Prosperous Community – and articulates the City's vision and mission statements. The current Strategic Plan will guide Council and City staff through to 2026, as they develop policies and deliver services to the community.



Ideas for wildlife-friendly decorating

Whether you're installing decorations outdoors in a designated decorating space or on your own property, here are some ideas to help ensure your holiday décor is kind to wildlife and the environment:

- use natural or biodegradable materials like wood, twine, cork, fabric, stones, seashells, or paper;
- recycle and upcycle – reimagine existing items to reduce waste;
- use scrap fabric to create unique and fun ornaments;
- create biodegradable garland from untreated wooden beads or dried flowers and leaves;
- make a simple dough out of flour, water, and salt – cut out fun shapes and bake;
- use twigs, driftwood, and paint to create unique shapes and designs.

Be sure to avoid unsuitable materials such as glass (including glass bulbs or ornaments), Styrofoam, glitter, mesh/netting, tinsel, or plastic garland. Please do not use latex or helium balloons, or edible items such as seeds, nuts, dog treats, or candy.

Hang eco-friendly decorations in Pioneer Memorial Park

We invite you to get into the holiday spirit by hanging eco-friendly decorations for a limited time in a designated decorating space set up in Pioneer Memorial Park (275 Knowle Street). Until February 11, 2024, use your creativity and wildlife-friendly materials to create fun and celebratory ornaments to hang on potted fir trees and two wire-frame sculptures.

A designated decorating space is a specified area within a City park or on other City land where the temporary display of seasonal décor is permitted for a predetermined period of time. Any decorations left on display must be collected by the original owners by the end of the period. Please visit portmoody.ca/decorating for more information.

Please note the designated space in Pioneer Memorial Park is currently the only public outdoor space in Port Moody where you may install decorations. On all other City lands, the installation of décor of any kind is not permitted as the materials used can cause harm to wildlife and the environment. Help us keep these materials out of our parks and trails so we can protect Port Moody's natural areas.

This holiday season, celebrate with less waste

Instead of being buried under an avalanche of waste this holiday season, try some of Metro Vancouver's 200+ gift, wrapping, and other ideas to make having a low-waste Christmas simple and stress free. Some of our favourite ideas include giving the gift of fitness with passes to gyms or community centres, shopping local to reduce your carbon footprint, and recycling paper goods (like this newsletter!) to wrap presents.

Visit metrovancouver.org/holidaywaste for zero-waste gift ideas, ingenious wrapping solutions, and tips for re-using or recycling shipping materials. You can also find suggestions for reducing food waste and giving new life to leftovers from your holiday feasts.



Get to know Port Moody's new Urban Forest Management Strategy



Port Moody's new Urban Forest Management Strategy, adopted by Council in September 2023, articulates a 30-year vision and goals for the management of our urban forest. The Strategy will help us preserve and maximize the benefits that trees provide as well as respond to the impacts of climate change and urban growth and development. Work on the Strategy began in 2022 and included two phases of public engagement to collect input on residents' values and priorities.

The Urban Forest Management Strategy sets out a community vision – Port Moody's abundant, safe, and resilient urban forest supports the health and well-being of our community and the exceptional environment in which we live – and five goals to support the vision:

1. Plan and adapt to sustain the future of the urban forest.
2. Plant the right trees in the right places to maximize benefits.
3. Manage trees and forests to maintain public safety and forest health.
4. Protect trees and planting spaces to maintain a treed and forested character.
5. Partner broadly to implement the Urban Forest Management Strategy.

The goals will be achieved through implementation of 15 strategies and 62 actions that will harness opportunities and address challenges. To monitor implementation results, the Strategy includes the following canopy cover targets: the City will work to maintain a canopy cover of 59 percent city-wide, and to increase the canopy cover in urban areas outside parks to 31 percent (from 28 percent). Canopy cover refers to the amount of ground that is covered by the foliage of trees when looking from above the trees to the ground below.

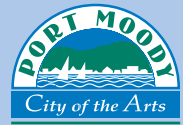
Our urban forest includes all trees, and their associated ecosystems, in all parts of the city: protected parkland, streets and boulevards, residential yards, commercial and industrial areas, the waterfront, and natural areas within Port Moody's municipal boundaries.

Why do trees matter? The urban forest has a big impact on our quality of life. Trees:

- provide benefits or ecosystem services such as: cleaning the air, managing rainwater, providing habitat for animals, and creating healthier soil;
- reduce stress, improve our overall physical and mental health, and connect us with nature; and
- improve Port Moody's resiliency in the face of climate change through benefits such as storing carbon dioxide drawn from the atmosphere, and providing shade and moderating air temperature.

Visit portmoody.ca/ufms to learn more about Port Moody's Urban Forest Management Strategy.

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 and Council celebrated the completion of improvements for seven outdoor play spaces at Westhill Park (203 Westhill Place) on September 14, 2023. Westhill Park now features a spring rider, a spinner, a swing set, an oodle swing, two climbing structures with slides, and a zipline!

Port Moody Winter Farmer's Market

Every Sunday through April 28
Recreation Complex
300 loco Road

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

CPKC Holiday Train Celebration

December 18, 5:20pm–7:30pm
Recreation Complex (300 loco Road) and Civic Centre (100 Newport Drive)

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PoMoArts Gallery Opening Receptions

January 11, 6–8pm
March 14, 6–8pm
PoMoArts (2425 St. Johns Street)

Experience the work of contemporary artists at gallery opening receptions. pomoarts.ca

Port Moody Film Society Showings

January 12, 7:30pm: *Insomnia*
February 9, 7:30pm: *The Hate U Give*
March 8-9, 7:30pm: Canadian Film Mini-Festival
Inlet Theatre (100 Newport Drive)
Film fans, the Port Moody Film Society is excited to bring some of the best films to the screen in a real live theatre! pmfilm.ca

Art's Birthday

January 17, 6–8pm
Site B (3012 Murray Street)

This event, hosted by PoMoArts, celebrates the presence of art in our lives. Head to Site B for electronic audio and video art, contemporary dance, immersive painting, and community movement. pomoarts.ca

Inlet Theatre Music Series

January 27, 7:30pm: Tom Keenlyside Quintet
February 24, 7:30pm: Dee Daniels
March 23, 7:30pm: Tiller's Folly
April 27, 7:30pm: Roy Forbes
Inlet Theatre (100 Newport Drive)
Port Moody Music presents monthly live music at the Inlet Theatre. Enjoy a wide variety of artists and genres. portmoodymusic.com

Ring in the Lunar New Year

February 7-10, 12-4pm
POMO Museum (2734 Murray Street)

Lunar New Year is a celebration of the arrival of spring and the beginning of a new year on the lunisolar calendar. Celebrate at the POMO Museum. pomo.museum

Great Backyard Bird Count

February 16-19
Birds are everywhere, all the time, doing fascinating things. Join bird-lovers around the world by observing and reporting from your own backyard. birdcount.org

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.

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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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