

Port Moody Focus

The City of Port Moody's Community Newsletter

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Play, learn, and relax in Port Moody parks

This summer, get outside and enjoy our parks! You probably know that Port Moody is home to beautiful parks like Rocky Point and Old Orchard, but why not take time to explore some others? There are a variety of places around the city where you can spend time in the great outdoors.

There are vibrant outdoor spaces to visit in every corner of Port Moody. Head to Old Mill Site Park and see the new Skwxwú7mesh (Squamish) Nation house post, carved by Xwalacktun O.B.C. (Order of British Columbia). Enjoy the view along the Shoreline Trail and learn about the first of five house posts created as part of the In the Presence of Ancestors project. Flip to page 3 and visit **portmoody.ca/ancestors** to learn more.

The Environment and Parks team has been restoring and upgrading elements in many parks, such as staircases, railings, and plantings at places like the Alfred Howe Greenway. They've also made improvements to the sport courts at Greenleaf, Flavelle, and Art Wilkinson parks.

At Seaview Park and Inlet Park, staff and volunteers have worked hard to remove invasive plants such as English ivy and Himalayan blackberry, and replace them with native and climate resilient species. Staff have also set up a new outdoor learning area with log seating at Seaview – stop by and relax for a while!

To find more parks in your neighbourhood – including playgrounds, tennis courts, and off-leash dog areas – visit **portmoody.ca/parks**. View a detailed map or choose a place to visit from the list sorted by feature. We encourage alternative modes of transportation when visiting, such as walking, scootering, biking, and taking transit.

Your new favourite place awaits!

► Looking to play some outdoor games? Pop by Kyle Centre (125 Kyle Street) this summer for a round of mini golf, horseshoes, table tennis, and more! Check our website for programming details.

Inlet fieldhouse construction to begin this summer



► Rendering of new fieldhouse facility and bleachers

The third and final phase of the Inlet Park Redevelopment Project – construction of a new fieldhouse facility – is expected to begin this summer.

The new three-storey fieldhouse, designed to achieve leading sustainability and energy efficiency targets as well as third party accessibility certification, includes:

- Ground floor: changerooms, public gender-neutral and universal washrooms, concession space, and storage
- Second floor: multipurpose room, catering kitchen, washrooms, and indoor viewing space
- Third floor: office/meeting spaces, washroom, and outdoor covered viewing deck with bleachers

The first two phases of the redevelopment of Inlet Park wrapped up in spring 2024. The once-gravel field is now a park with high-quality, all-weather, artificial turf surface providing space for all levels of soccer play, two baseball and softball diamonds, a batting cage, a toddler playground, and a natural play area. For more information about this project visit **portmoody.ca/inletpark**.

Highlights from 2024 Urban Forest Management Strategy Report Card

Tree canopy is the layer of tree leaves, branches, and stems that shelter the ground when viewed from above. By planting trees throughout the city to increase tree canopy, we strengthen our community's climate resilience and overall health and well-being.



Port Moody has an Urban Forest Management Strategy (UFMS) in place to support the well-being of our community and the exceptional environment we live in. The UFMS Report Card was adopted in 2023 to help us monitor progress. Highlights from the 2024 edition include:



2,249 trees planted and **410** trees removed along streets or in parks and natural areas



5 rain gardens installed



420 trees given to residents to plant on private property



9,277m² of environmentally sensitive natural forest area restored or enhanced

▶ Visit **portmoody.ca/ufms** to view the full report card and learn more.



Visit the first house post installed along the Shoreline Trail

The first of five house posts – carved as part of the *In the Presence of Ancestors* project – is now in place along the Shoreline Trail.

In the Presence of Ancestors 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. Over the last five years, the project has included community engagement opportunities, culminating later this year with the raising of the remaining four house posts from Coast Salish Nations along Port Moody's Shoreline Trail, between Rocky Point Park and Old Orchard Park. Visit **portmoody.ca/ancestors** to learn more.

You can see the Skwxwi7mesh (Squamish) Nation house post on the viewing platform in Old Mill Site Park. It is carved by Xwalacktun, O.B.C., a Squamish Nation artist whose works are recognized internationally. Healing, growth, and raising an awareness of the environment are central themes in Xwalacktun's work.



Remember to stay off the mudflats

The mudflats at Burrard Inlet are dangerous and unpredictable. To keep everyone safe, including first responders, 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.

New wayfinding signage in civic facilities improves accessibility

We're happy to share that new and improved wayfinding signage is now in place at the Civic Centre (100 Newport Drive) and the Recreation Complex (300 loco Road), both inside and outside the buildings. The signage is designed to make it easier for all visitors to get where they need to go. This project is an important part of the City's Accessibility Plan and helps us meet our goal of enhancing the built environment. We are grateful for funding received through the Rick Hansen Foundation's BC Accessibility Grants Program.

If you have experienced or witnessed a barrier that you would like to share with the City of Port Moody, we welcome your feedback. Submit your feedback through our online form found at **portmoody.ca/accessibility**.



Get a kids' summer rec pass for only \$25

When school is out, kids can stay active and social with a \$25 summer drop-in recreation pass for children and youth up to and including 18 years old.

The pass provides unlimited access to all drop-in activities at City facilities from June 16 to August 31, 2025. Passes will be available for purchase at the Port Moody Recreation Complex (300 loco Road) only starting Thursday, June 12, 2025. The pass holder must be present at the time of purchase to have their photo taken.

Pass holders will have unlimited access to all of our drop-in activities including:

- swimming at Rocky Point and Westhill pools;
- · walking track; and
- drop-in preschool, children, and youth activities (e.g. jungle gym, family time, youth gym).

Depending on age, youth will also have access to:

- hot tub and steam room (full access for ages 16+; ages 13 to 15 will have access when accompanied by an adult 19+); and
- drop-in fitness classes and the weight room (full access to drop-in fitness classes for ages 13 to 18; full access to the weight room for ages 16 to 18; full access to the weight room for ages 13 to 15 after completion of a weight room orientation).

Visit **portmoody.ca/summerpass** for more information.



Come Play in our Parks this summer!

Throughout the summer, join Recreation staff for free sports, crafts, games, face painting, and more at Heritage Mountain Park (20 Parkglen Place) or Westhill Park (203 Westhill Place) during Play in our Parks! Join in the fun on weekdays from July 7 to August 29 (excluding statutory holidays) from 9:30am to 2:30pm, weather permitting, according to the following schedule:

Date:	Location:
July 7–18	Heritage Mtn
July 21–Aug 1	Westhill
Aug 5–15	Heritage Mtn
Aug 18–29	Westhill

We welcome children and adults of all ages to come participate. As programming may be affected by weather or air quality, check **portmoody.ca/play** or the City's



social media channels before heading to the park in case of a cancellation. Please note that City staff are not responsible for supervising children. Parents and guardians are responsible for all children in their care who participate in Play in our Parks.



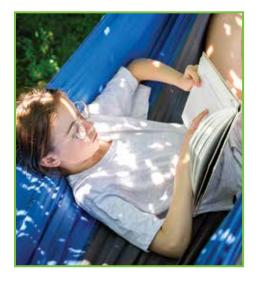
Kids can apply to be Mayor for a Day!

What would you do as the mayor of Port Moody? Mayor Meghan Lahti wants to know! Kids aged five to 12 can apply to be mayor for a day on November 20, 2025, in celebration of World Children's Day. The day will include meeting Mayor Lahti, enjoying some lunch, taking a tour of City Hall and Inlet Fire Hall, and learning about the role of Mayor and Council. Kids who are interested can apply at Pop-Up City Hall on July 1 or online at portmoody.ca/mayorforaday until September 27.



Submit your photos for our 2026 City calendar!

Share your snapshots of our city's natural beauty for a chance to be featured in our most popular publication. Upload your stunning sunrises, scenic landscapes, and shots that highlight the best of our community. The deadline for submissions is Monday, October 13, 2025. Visit **portmoody.ca/calendar** for details.



Enjoy fantastic reads and the chance to win prizes all summer long with the library's summer reading clubs!

With the "Colour Your Summer" reading club, kids who read for 15 minutes for 50 days receive a special reading medal. Whether enjoying books or audiobooks at home or on the road, this program keeps kids' brains bright during the summer months. Teens and adults can pick up a boardgame for fun reading challenges and recommendations.

Check the library's website **portmoodylibrary.ca** for more details on the summer reading club, free workshops and activities (including coding, painting, tutoring, D&D, and more!), and Comics Plus – the new way to read comics and manga online.

Readers of all ages can pick up their special packages at the library starting on June 1.



Port Moody Firefighters 48th Pancake Breakfast

June 28 and 29 from 8:30am–noon Inlet Centre Fire Hall 150 Newport Drive

Join your friends and neighbours over the Canada Day long weekend to eat pancakes and raise funds for causes supported by the Port Moody Firefighters Charitable Society.

@portmoodyfirerescue



Canada Day

June 30 and July 1 Rocky Point Park 2800 Block Murray Street

See Streetheart perform June 30 as part of our early celebrations for Canada Day. The show starts at 8:30pm at the Golden Spike Days Festival. On July 1, Canada Day, join Mayor and Council for a special ceremony and a free cookie at 11am, and stop by Pop- Up City Hall starting from 11am.

portmoody.ca/canadaday



Car-Free Day

August 17 from 12–5pm St. Johns Street between Queens and Moody

Port Moody's Car-Free Day is back! Join us for a street celebration filled with local businesses, musicians, delicious food, and family-friendly activities. We encourage you to leave your car at home, and walk, bike, or take public transit to the celebration.

portmoody.ca/carfreeday

▶ Visit **calendar.portmoody.ca** for a complete list of events in Port Moody



Apply to be a 2025 Car-Free Day vendor

Car-Free Day celebrates and shows support for the Port Moody business community. If you're a local business looking to participate in this fun street party on August 17 from 12–5pm, find event details, costs, and an application form at **portmoody.ca/carfreeday**. Apply by June 15 to showcase your organization to thousands of Car-Free Day attendees. Vendors must hold a valid 2025 business licence issued by the City of Port Moody.

Beat the heat in Port Moody

Be weather ready and prepare for extreme heat this summer. Consider using City facilities and amenities to stay cool and safe.



Air conditioning

Seek out
air-conditioned
public spaces such
as the Civic Centre
Galleria and the
Port Moody Public
Library (both
located at 100
Newport Drive).



Water filling station

Fill up your water bottle at a station in the Civic Centre Galleria, the Recreation Complex, or the fountains in Rocky Point Park and Town Centre Park.



Pools and spray parks

Go for a swim at Rocky Point Pool or Westhill Pool, or bring the kids to one of our spray parks located at Ailsa Park and Rocky Point Park.



Misting tunnel and poles

Make use of the misting tunnel at Pioneer Memorial Park and the misting poles at Inlet Park, the Sk8 Park, Trasolini Field, North Shore Community Park, or Westhill Park.



Shade

Find a shady spot in one of our quieter parks, like Westhill, Pioneer Memorial, Flavelle, or Cedarwood or walk among the trees in Bert Flinn Park.

We will publish a notification at **portmoody.ca** and on the City's social media channels when there is a Heat Warning or Extreme Heat Emergency in effect – these are the two types of heat alerts issued by Environment Canada. We will let you know what steps the City is taking to help residents cope with the heat and what actions you can take to help you – and your family, friends, and neighbours – stay safe.

Find information, tips, and additional resources for preparing for extreme heat events at **portmoody.ca/weather**.



Be water wise by choosing garden plants that love dry heat like tomatoes, basil, beans, melon, and eggplant. Water vegetable gardens with water saved in a rain barrel instead of treated drinking water.

Be water wise – lawn watering restrictions in effect

Conserving drinking water is everyone's responsibility. Whether it's from a tap or a hose, let's use the region's drinking water wisely. Watering restrictions are in effect from May 1 through October 15, 2025. Following the restrictions for outdoor water use helps to conserve water for drinking, food production, and other important uses such as cooking and cleaning.

Visit **portmoody.ca/waterrestrictions** or metrovancouver.org for more information, including permitted times of day for watering. During Stage 1, using less water can help us avoid a move to Stage 2 watering restrictions, which would introduce a ban on lawn watering.

Drinking water is a shared resource in our region and is managed by Metro Vancouver under their Drinking Water Conservation Plan. The City enforces restrictions through our Water Conservation Plan Bylaw No. 3346. Remember to conserve water and follow all watering restrictions to avoid fines. Visit **welovewater.ca** for tips on caring for your lawn and conserving water outdoors.



Stay safe on the water

Whether it's the Burrard Inlet or Sasamat Lake, Port Moody is a popular place for water activities in the summertime. The Port Moody Police Department is reminding those who participate to be extra cautious when out on the water.

The Canadian Small Vessel Regulations mandates what equipment is required for any vessel while on any body of water, including kayaks, paddle boards, and pleasure crafts. The Port Moody Police Department will be conducting checks throughout the summer months to ensure compliance with these safety requirements as well as legislation that prohibits operating a vessel while impaired due to alcohol or drugs.

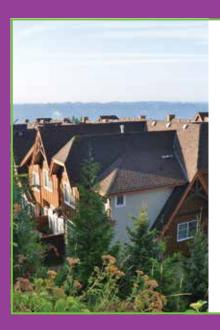
Their message is simple: wear a lifejacket, make sure you have all the required safety equipment, and leave any alcohol or drugs at home. Together, we can all contribute to safe and fun waterways.

Be FireSmart this summer

During the hot summer months, the greenbelts, parks, and forested lands around Port Moody are particularly susceptible to fires. Help minimize the potential of a fire starting or spreading by:

- maintaining a 10-metre clear zone between your structure and forested areas;
- removing dead and highly flammable trees;
- removing trees and brush growing under taller trees because they act as ladder fuels;
- pruning trees and removing branches 2.5 metres off the ground and those overhanging your roof;
- keeping firewood piles at least 10 metres away from all buildings;
- cutting and removing tall dead grass from around all structures;
- keeping all roofs, gutters, and decks clear of combustible materials, such as leaves, twigs, pine needles, etc.; and
- maintaining a short lawn around the perimeter of your property.

Visit **firesmartcanada.ca** to learn how you can make your home and community "FireSmart."



Property taxes are due July 2 – pay on time to avoid a penalty

Property taxes are due on July 2. Remember: pay on time as unpaid property taxes will be subject to a 5% penalty after July 2 and a second 5% penalty after September 15. Property owners typically receive tax notices by the end of May. If you have not received your bill in the mail or by email (if you are signed up for e-billing via MyPortMoody) by June 2, please contact us at 604.469.4503 or email **tax@portmoody.ca**.

Visit **portmoody.ca/taxes** to find more information including ways to pay. Register at **my.portmoody.ca** to receive paperless tax notices as soon as they're available, review your property tax information, and view historical bills. It only takes a few minutes to get set up to access your tax information online. Make sure you have your email address, account information number, and access code ready, which you can find on any of your past bills.

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: On April 13, 2025, we honoured Bob Favelle's lifelong contributions to soccer and Port Moody with the renaming of Inlet Field to Bob Favelle Field. Mayor and Council celebrated alongside Mr. Favelle's friends and family at this community celebration.

Rotary Shred-a-thon

June 7 from 9am-3pm Port Moody City Hall 100 Newport Drive

The Rotary Club of Port Moody is holding their annual Shreda-Thon. Bring your documents and paperwork for secure, onsite shredding by donation to the Rotary Club of Port Moody. portmoodyrotary.ca

Art Shuffle Port Moody

June 25 from 4-9pm Various locations around town

This is a one-night, self-directed walk to explore hidden treasures around town. Experience visual art, music, immersive art, and more. pomoshuffle.ca

Golden Spike Days Festival

June 28-July 1 **Rocky Point Park**

Don't miss this highly anticipated, family-friendly festival with entertainment, food, special events, and funfilled activities for all ages. goldenspike.ca

RibFest

July 18-20 from 11am-9pm **Rocky Point Park** 2800 block Murray Street

Head to the park for this annual three-day community event that features food vendors, live music, and family-friendly activities. portmoodyribfest.ca

Art Out Side

July 21-August 10 City-wide

Join us this summer for Art Out Side, a new multidisciplinary arts festival! This city-wide arts festival brings together bold artistic voices creating unforgettable experiences in unexpected

pomoarts.ca/artoutside

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Summer Sundays concerts

Sundays in July and August starting at 2pm **Rocky Point Park** 2800 block Murray Street

Enjoy free outdoor concerts with a diverse mix of music all summer long. summersundays.ca

Port Moody Summer Farmer's Market

Wednesdays from June to October from 3-7pm **Recreation Complex** 300 loco Road Find local B.C. produce, artisan

crafts, and delicious baked goods. makebakegrow.com

PoMoArts Exhibitions

Daily until July 6 PoMoArts Gallery 2425 St. Johns Street

Explore *Tracing the Unbound:* Past, Present, and Future of Port Moody (original works by Port Moody Art Association members) and True Colours Youth Pride Art Exhibition. 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! Email communications@portmoody.ca.

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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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We carry out our business on the ancestral and unceded homelands of the kwikwallam (Kwikwetlem), səlilwətaf (Tsleil-Waututh), xwməθkwəyəm (Musqueam), Skwxwú7mesh (Squamish), qicʻəy (Katzie), q'wa:n' \(\lambda\)' an' (Kwantlen), qiqéyt (Qayqayt), and Stó:l\(\bar{0}\) (Sto:lo) Peoples, and extend appreciation for the opportunity to work on this territory.