

Port Moody Focus

The City of Port Moody's Community Newsletter

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Phase 2 of the Shoreline Trail Boardwalk Replacement Project is underway

The new landmark structure will be accessible and reliable for many years to come

We're happy to share that the Shoreline Boardwalk Replacement Project is now in its second and final phase. At the end of Burrard Inlet's Port Moody Arm, a modern, accessible structure is taking shape that will provide a new way for the community to connect with the beauty of our natural surroundings.

In the first phase of the project, we replaced the boardwalk and gravel trail between Murray Street and Suter Brook Creek. In Phase 2, we're replacing the boardwalk and gravel trail from Suter Brook Creek to just past the bridge over Noons Creek. The current phase also includes construction of a viewing platform, a collaboration with the In the Presence of Ancestors project. The platform will be the site of a new house post from qı̈cey (the Katzie First Nation). Learn more at portmoody.ca/ancestors.

Improving safety, accessibility, and environmental protection, as well as reducing risks associated with sea level rise, are important goals that informed the design of the new boardwalks. The structures are wider where possible, with hand railings for safety and ramps at access points. They're also higher to address the effects of climate change and sea level rise, and to reduce access to the mudflats, which will help us safeguard the sensitive ecosystem for future generations.

The original Shoreline Trail boardwalks, constructed by City crews over 30 years ago, were aging and frequently covered by water during king tides and storm surges. An engineering assessment in 2021 confirmed the need for a replacement.

The anticipated completion date for this project is summer 2025. We look forward to when the community can experience this exciting new section of the trail.

➤ Thank you for your patience during construction. Check for trail closure information at **portmoody.ca/shorelineboardwalk.**



Walking (safely) in a winter wonderland

Help us keep sidewalks clear and safe! We can all do our part – please make sure you are aware of your responsibilities as outlined in our Sidewalk and Boulevard Maintenance Bylaw.

Residents, strata corporations, and businesses must remove snow and ice from sidewalks bordering their property within 24 hours of snowfall, or by 10am if the property is located on a Priority Pedestrian Route. The list of Priority Pedestrian Routes can be found at **portmoody.ca/snowandice**.

While 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.

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.



Thank your Snow Stars

Does someone in your neighbourhood go above and beyond in keeping roads and sidewalks clear? Recognize them as a Snow Star! 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.





The PoMobile Solid Waste App is your single source to receive service alerts, including a notification when it's your collection day. View your pick-up schedule, get reminders, and learn what can go in your carts. Remember: Dead batteries, burnt-out holiday string lights, and electronics don't belong in your carts. Learn more and find download instructions at **portmoody.ca/solidwasteapp**.



2025 calendar now available

Start planning your 2025 with Port Moody's signature city calendar. In addition to important dates and events and waste collection schedules, the 2025 calendar contains spectacular photos of Port Moody's natural environment, wildlife, and favourite places. Pick up a copy at City Hall, the Recreation Complex, or the Port Moody Public Library, while supplies last.



Decorate Pioneer Memorial Park with eco-friendly ornaments

Join in on the holiday spirit by hanging eco-friendly decorations in Pioneer Memorial Park (275 Knowle Street). There is a designated decorating space set up with potted trees and wire-frame sculptures, so get creative and bring your wildlife-friendly materials to make festive ornaments.

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 and paint to create unique shapes and designs.

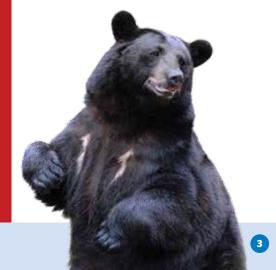
Be sure to avoid unsuitable materials such as glass (including glass bulbs or ornaments), Styrofoam, glitter, mesh/netting, tinsel, or plastic garland. Please do not use latex or helium balloons, or edible items such as seeds, nuts, dog treats, or candy.

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. Any decorations left on display must be collected by the original owners by February 14. Find more information on this program at **portmoody.ca/parks**.

Be bear smart, secure your carts

Did you know? It is a bylaw violation to leave your waste carts unlocked on non-collection days and to set carts out for collection too early. Manage wildlife attractants properly by storing your garbage and green waste carts securely, making sure that they are locked until collection day. Rinse your carts often with a water and vinegar solution to help reduce odours. Learn more about wildlife safety and the bear essentials at portmoody.ca/wildlife.

In 2023 Port Moody achieved Bear Smart Community status! The Bear Smart Community Program – designed by the Ministry of Environment and Climate Change Strategy – is a voluntary, preventative conservation measure that encourages communities, businesses, and individuals to work together to reduce conflicts with bears. Find out what you can do to help at portmoody.ca/bears.



Holiday skating in Port Moody



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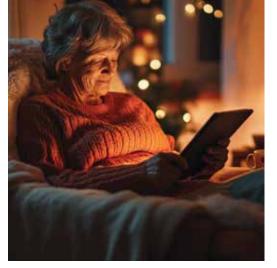
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Public Skate 2:30pm-4:00pm Have fun and stay active during the holidays! Bring the family or a group of friends to the Port Moody Recreation Complex (300 loco Road) for one of our public skates, or participate in drop-in ring, stick and puck. Visit portmoody.ca/publicskating to see the schedule, admission rates, and rules and regulations.

To guarantee your spot, register ahead of time at **portmoody.ca/signmeup** or by calling 604.469.4556. Registration opens 25 hours prior to activity. Drop-ins will be accepted if space permits.





Cozy up with an eReader from the library

Going away for the holidays and want to pack fewer books? Want to try out an eReader before buying one as a gift? Borrow an eReader from the Port Moody Public Library! Try out a colour eReader – great for reading illustrated kids' books, comics, or manga – or stick with classic black and white. You can choose to borrow and download library eBooks on your own, or have eBooks selected and pre-loaded for you based on your reading preferences.

Fill out the form at **portmoodylibrary.ca/eReaders** or give us a call at 604.469.4577 to request an eReader. If you have your own eReader, you can bring it to the information desk and staff will help you set it up.



CPKC Holiday Train Celebration

Dec 20, 2024 • 5:20pm-7:30pm Recreation Complex (300 loco 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. Bring a cash or non-perishable food donation to support people in need in our community. Learn more at **portmoody.ca/holidaytrain**.



Centralized Recycling Day

Jan 4, 2025 • 10am-3pm Recreation Complex parking lot (300 loco Road)

Recycle your wrapping at our Centralized Recycling Day! You 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. We do not accept ribbons, bows, foil gift wrap, regular household garbage, and glass.



Christmas and New Year's Eve Skates

Dec 24, 2024 • 11:30am–1pm & 1:30pm–3pm
Dec 31, 2024 • 1:30–3pm
Recreation Complex (300 loco Road)

Lace up your skates and celebrate the season at our holiday skates! Regular admission rates apply. Children seven years and younger must be with a parent or adult supervisor, and children in strollers must be a minimum of 12 months of age and wear a helmet on the ice. Kids aged 10 and under must wear a CSA-approved hockey, ski, or snowboard helmet.



Port Moody Firefighters Local 2399 Tree Chip

Jan 4 and 5, 2025 • 10am-4pm Inlet Centre Fire Hall (150 Newport Drive)

Port Moody Firefighters Local 2399 will be chipping trees at this drive-through event. Help our firefighters raise money for the BC Professional Fire Fighters' Burn Fund. Before you drop off your tree, please make sure all decorations are removed. Can't make it? Email **burnfund2399@gmail.com** to inquire about their tree pick-up service.

Seniors, get involved and stay connected!

Are you a senior looking for fun activities or new to Port Moody? The City offers a variety of programs at the Recreation Complex (300 loco Road) and Kyle Centre (125 Kyle Street), including social events, fitness classes, pickleball, nature walks, and more. Enjoy amenities like the weight room, walking track (free for seniors), steam room, and hot tub. To get started, visit a facility, call 604.469.4556 or download our program guide at **portmoody.ca/registration**.



Help make Port Moody more accessible

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 accessibility feedback through our online form found at portmoody.ca/accessibility.

If you prefer, you can send your feedback via email to accessibility@portmoody.ca or by mail to Accessibility Committee, City of Port Moody, 100 Newport Drive, Port Moody, B.C., V3H 5C3. To request a different way to provide feedback, please contact the City by email, mail, or call 604.469.4500 and we will work with you to accommodate your preferred way to submit feedback.



myPortMoody saves you time (and paper!)

With a myPortMoody profile, you can view information for taxes, utilities, business, and dog licensing. You can also sign up for e-billing to go paperless. Once you've registered your account you can sign up for e-billing, view your current and past bills, view your account payment history, and view your application history and submit additional documents to current applications. Learn more and register at my.PortMoody.ca.



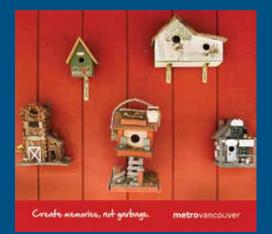
Don't forget to renew Fido's licence

Renew your dog licence online! You'll receive a discount if you renew your licence by February 3. Visit my.PortMoody.ca to pay online or head to City Hall to pay in person.



Renew a business licence by February 3

Business licence renewals are due on February 3, 2025. Once you receive your e-bill, pay online quickly and easily at **my.PortMoody.ca**.



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.



Road safety reminders

As the days get darker and the rain returns, the Port Moody Police Department is reminding drivers, pedestrians, and cyclists to use extra caution on our roadways. For drivers, remember to slow down and drive for weather conditions. Ensure your headlights are working and be extra attentive near crosswalks and intersections.

Be seen. We encourage bicyclists and pedestrians to dress in bright, visible colours. Use care when crossing roadways and make eye contact with drivers and ensure they see you prior to crossing. For more safety tips, visit **icbc.com/roadsafety.**



Use a safe exchange zone

If you need a safe place to meet with someone, PMPD has 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 location to complete online transactions between strangers or to transfer children (e.g. as per a custody agreement) between parents and/or guardians.



Never miss another garbage day

Get an email, tweet, or call the night before your waste collection day. We'll remind you what carts to put out, as well as if it's a glass recycling week. Never miss another collection day – grab the **PoMobile solid waste app** at Google Play or the Apple app store!

News and safety tips from Port Moody Fire Rescue

Apply for a home safety inspection

If you're not sure how to do your own home safety check, you can apply for a home safety inspection at **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.

Staying safe and warm

When winter comes around, we spend a lot of time indoors. To make sure you and your loved ones stay safe over the holidays, be aware of safety hazards such as heaters, fireplaces, candles, and Christmas trees. 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.



Comfort and toys

This giving season, spread some joy with Port Moody Fire Rescue's annual Toy Drive. They will be accepting new, unwrapped toys to support Share Family & Community Services. You can drop off your generous donation at Inlet Centre Fire Hall (150 Newport Drive) any time until December 15.

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: Over 100 local students participated in the inaugural Mayor's Youth Summit held on October 25, 2024 at Inlet Theatre. This inspiring day was dedicated to discussing important topics like climate justice, mental health and wellness, social connectedness, and youth spaces.

Port Moody Winter Farmers Market

Every Sunday through April 28 Recreation Complex 300 loco Road

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

Blackberry Winter Market

Until December 22 PoMoArts (2425 St. Johns Street) Looking for a one-of-a-kind gift this holiday season? Head to the Blackberry Winter Market, co-hosted by the Blackberry Artists Society and PoMoArts.

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pomoarts.ca

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Penguin Plunge

January 1, 1pm Rocky Point Pier (2790 Esplanade Ave)

Ring in the new year with a plunge into Burrard inlet! The Pleasantside Community Association hosts this fundraiser at Rocky Point Park Pier.

Centralized Recycling Day

January 4, 10am–3pm Recreation Complex parking lot (300 loco Road)

Drop off paper gift wrap and boxes, Styrofoam and packaging, and plastic film for recycling.
Bag Styrofoam and plastic film separately, no ribbons, bows, or foil accepted.

Port Moody Film Society Showings

January 10, 7:30pm: Anatomy of a Fall February 14, 7:30pm: Past Lives 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! \$5/\$5 annual membership, cash only. pmfilm.ca

PoMoArts Gallery Opening Receptions

January 16, 6–8pm March 13, 6–8pm PoMoArts (2425 St. Johns Street) Experience the work of contemporary artists at gallery opening receptions. pomoarts.ca

Inlet Theatre Music Series

January 25, February 22, March 22, April 11, 7pm Inlet Theatre (100 Newport Drive) Port Moody Music presents monthly live music at the Inlet Theatre. Enjoy a wide variety of artists and genres. Buy tickets at portmoodymusic.com.

Great Backyard Bird Count

February 14-17

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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Contact Information

Emergency

City Hall	604.469.4500
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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
24-hour operational	support line 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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