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PORT ALBERNI'S JOURNEY TO RECONCILIATION

In recent years, the City of Port Alberni committed to advancing Reconciliation with the two local First Nations, the Hupacasath First Nation, and the Tseshah First Nation, on whose traditional lands the City is situated. This more formal process began on March 27, 2017, with Port Alberni's Walk for Reconciliation, a historic event that saw over 200 people from all different backgrounds walking together to demonstrate their desire for change. This peaceful act has since created a ripple effect that is shifting the course of Port Alberni's future. In response, City Council passed a motion to form the City's first Reconciliation Committee. The Committee, which first met in November 2017, is comprised of one City Councillor, two individuals appointed by the Tseshah First Nation, two individuals appointed by the Hupacasath First Nation, and three Port Alberni residents appointed by City Council. The purpose of the Committee is to investigate practical actions that the City can take to help foster trust and build shared understanding between cultures.

On March 27, 2018, one year after the Walk, the Committee held its first community forum to ask the public their opinion on Reconciliation efforts. The event welcomed approximately 112 residents from around the Alberni Valley and as far as the west coast. Attendees took part in discussions that looked at various aspects of Reconciliation and how to approach it at the local level. From the discussions came incredible stories of survival, moving moments that bonded families, and opportunities to connect with

unfamiliar neighbours. It is in moments like the community forum that we see our future, a future that includes meaningful, purposeful and long lasting friendships with our neighbours, a future where we have a common understanding and appreciation for our cultural differences, a future where everyone can call the Alberni Valley their home. So what's next? How do we make this future a reality? It starts with simple steps and grassroots initiatives. It begins with education and action. If you're interested in shaping Port Alberni's future and making our community a more welcoming and inclusive one, we encourage you to take a step.

Where to start?

- Attend local Reconciliation events – they'll be popping up around town more often
- Share your thoughts – talk about Reconciliation with friends and family
- Visit your Alberni Valley Museum and take a trip through our history
- Learn and use indigenous language
- Join us at any of the Reconciliation Committee meetings – they're open to the public
- Start your own Reconciliation initiative – no matter how small, it all makes a difference

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#EXPLORE PORTALBERNI

#exploreportalberni

The City of Port Alberni is looking to create positive discussions around town by challenging audiences to get out and explore the region. Help showcase the beauty of your backyard by capturing your moments and sharing them with us on Facebook (@ExplorePortAlberni), Twitter (@ExploreAlberni), and Instagram (@ExplorePortAlberni).

Playing in PA just got easier!

The City of Port Alberni's Parks, Recreation & Heritage Department is launching a new online registration system starting with the summer 2018 programs!

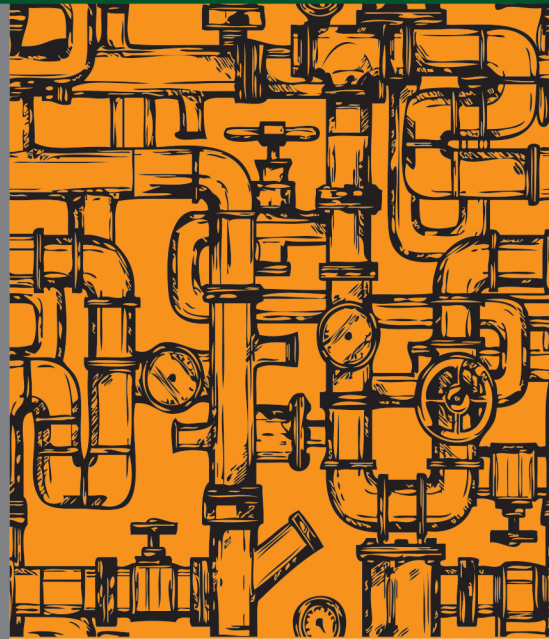
Get a head start by going to portalberni.perfectmind.com to build your customer profile. Once you're up and running you can manage your membership, register for classes, receive class updates and track your activities all from the comfort of your own home.

Any device. Any day. Any time.

For more information, please call Echo Centre at 250-723-2181 or pop in and speak to reception staff directly.

DID YOU KNOW?

In total, there is 155 kilometres of watermains in the City. If you stretch those mains out, they would be long enough to reach Tofino!



Taxes don't have to be so taxing

Tax season is already taxing enough so why not make things a little easier? Get your next City bill delivered straight to your inbox with MyCity Port Alberni. Sign up for a MyCity account and get secure 24/7 online access to information regarding your City of Port Alberni accounts. Pay your taxes, utility bills, dog licenses and business licenses with ease. Visit www.portalberni.ca/mycity and sign up today.



Don't be a water waster

Conserving water is nothing new, and it's something we should all do. With the dry, hot season upon us, we need to ensure we are not wasting this precious resource. Here are a few simple tips on ways to conserve water in your home and keep your water bill down.

- Check your sprinkler system for leaks, overspray and repair promptly
- Water your plants in the early morning or evening to reduce evaporation
- If you use a hose around your property, be sure to fit it with a spring-loaded nozzle to prevent wastage.

Let's Connect Port Alberni

The City has launched a new online engagement tool and wants your voice to be heard. Let's Connect Port Alberni allows us to keep you up-to-date on the projects that matter most to you. Check out www.letsconnectpa.ca for our latest initiatives. View videos, learn about critical projects that affect you and tell us what's working, and what's not.

The one-time registration process is short and doing so will give you access to all discussion forums, surveys, polls, and other input opportunities on the platform. So let's connect, Port Alberni!



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