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# #EXPLOREPORTALBERNI

## PORT ALBERNI IS A LIFESTYLE. THIS IS HOW WE LIVE IT.

In the middle of everywhere, connected by the sea and steeped in ancient culture lies the heart of Vancouver Island. Home is where the heart is and they say the key to a good healthy heart is a good diet and exercise so welcome home. It's time to indulge and #EXPLOREPORTALBERNI.

For many of us the Alberni Valley is more than a place to live. It is a lifestyle. A place where a sense of wonder and adventure is weaved into the fabric of everyday life. Life in Port Alberni is anything but ordinary so this is our chance to showcase to each other and the world how we live and love life in our little slice of island paradise. #EXPLOREPORTALBERNI is for everyone. Residents, those thinking of becoming residents, visitors, the young and the young at heart. We challenge you to lace up your hiking boots, dust off your kayaks, clean your golf clubs, tie your flies, grab your picnic basket and pack your camera. It's

time to go into the rainforest, up the mountains, on the water and down the streams. Inspire those around you and those just passing through to seek new adventure and share those experiences using the hashtag #EXPLOREPORTALBERNI. Also, while we've got your attention; like and follow our adventures on your favourite social media platform for your chance to be featured and to be informed of upcoming contests and events. We'll see you out there. Happy Trails!





# PROPERTY TAXES



## 2019 PROPERTY TAXES

Your 2019 Property Tax Notice will be arriving soon. Property taxes are due by Tuesday, July 2, 2019. To make it easy, the City provides five payment options: online/telephone banking, at your bank, by mail to the City of Port Alberni, in person at City Hall or via the 24-hour Finance drop box at City Hall.

## STAYING SAFE IF YOU FIND A NEEDLE

Communities across Vancouver Island are having conversations about how to address inappropriately discarded needles. The challenge is a shared one. To help ensure your safety and keep public spaces free of discarded needles, the City has installed sharps containers at many City facilities and partnering facilities around town.

For the safe removal of needles on public property in Port Alberni you can follow the “Safe Disposal” steps or contact the City with the street address and location of the needle and staff will come and pick it up.

- City of Port Alberni Public Works Yard (7:00 am - 4:30 pm) 250.720.2840
- City of Port Alberni Fire Department (after-hours) 250.724.1351

If you find a needle and choose to dispose of it yourself, please be cautious and handle with care.

# Stage 1 Water Restrictions

Effective July 1, 2019



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**Visit:** [portalberni.ca/mycity](http://portalberni.ca/mycity)



June 27 through October 5, 2019

## OUR LIVING LANGUAGES

First Peoples' Voices in British Columbia

### New Exhibit at the Alberni Valley Museum

Learn what First Nations communities are doing to help their languages survive and flourish in a beautifully designed exhibition that celebrates the resilience and diversity of First Nations languages.

## YOUR HOME OWNER GRANT

The Home Owner Grant is a provincial program designed to help home owners reduce their property taxes for the home in which they reside. To determine if you are eligible, go to [www2.gov.bc.ca](http://www2.gov.bc.ca) and search “*Home Owner Grant.*”

The City offers online Home Owner Grant applications. To submit your application, visit [online.portalberni.ca](http://online.portalberni.ca). To avoid penalty, your Home Owner Grant must be claimed by July 2, 2019.

## SAFE DISPOSAL

### OF NEEDLES

Anyone who uses a needle should dispose of it safely. However, sometimes discarded needles are found in public areas.

The safe disposal of needles saves others from getting hurt accidentally. Fortunately, the risk of being infected by an accidental needle stick is rare.

### SAFE NEEDLE DISPOSAL

- Don't try to replace the cap on needles
- Don't snap, break or bend needles or other sharps
- Pick up needle with care – use work gloves if desired
- Hold needle point away from you
- Put needle in a metal or hard plastic container with a lid (i.e. product or drink bottle)
- Replace cap on container securely and label it
- Wash hands with soap and water
- Drop off the sealed container:
  - « community drop box
  - « participating pharmacy
  - « nearby waste bin
  - « local public health unit



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