Port Moody Focus

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Meet Port Moody's new City Council

On October 17, 2026, eligible Port Moody voters elected one mayor, six councillors, and two school trustees for a four-year term. Your 2026–2030 municipal government leaders are Mayor Haven Lurbiecki and councillors Alexandra Chan, Kyla Knowles, Paul Lambert, Amy Lubik, Callan Morrison, and Peter Thomasen. Your trustees for School District 43 are Tracy Green and Jessica Morrison.

Your new Council was sworn in on November 3, 2026. Want to get to know your new Mayor and Council? Read their bios and find contact information at **portmoody.ca/council**. Want to follow the discussions and decisions at Council meetings? City Council meets two to four times a month on Tuesday evenings. Visit **portmoody.ca/councilcalendar** for dates, times, agenda packages, and archived video recordings. Regular Council meetings take place in Council Chambers at the Inlet Theatre (100 Newport Drive) and are open to the public. If you would like to watch from home, meetings are live streamed at **portmoody.ca/watchlive**.

You can also stay up to date by following the City of Port Moody on social media (Facebook, Instagram, and Bluesky) and by subscribing to receive City news via email at **portmoody.ca/news**.

Voter turnout

In the 2026 Port Moody General Local and School Board Election, there were 10,425 ballots cast out of 26,754 eligible voters for a turnout rate of nearly 39 per cent.

Standing from left to right: Councillor Alexandra Chan, Councillor Callan Morrison, Councillor Peter Thomasen, Councillor Kyla Knowles. Seated from left to right: Councillor Amy Lubik, Mayor Haven Lurbiecki, Councillor Paul Lambert

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How does municipal government work?



With a new Council in place, you may be wondering: "What exactly does municipal government do?" Whether you're new to Port Moody or have lived or owned a business here for a long time, it can be helpful to learn more about the role of local government.

Your municipal government – the City of Port Moody – provides services related to public safety, roads, water and sanitary sewer utilities, solid waste pickup, parks and trails, recreation, development and land use planning, and environmental stewardship, and works to foster economic growth and community well-being. Other levels of government – like the Government of British Columbia or the Government of Canada – are responsible for services like hospitals and health care, schools, highways, electricity, and postal services.

City Council debates issues, sets policy, passes bylaws, approves budgets, and establishes the City's overall direction. In doing so, they must adhere to legislation set by the Government of British Columbia, primarily the Community Charter and the Local Government Act. City staff, led by the city manager, run day-to-day services.

Want to learn more? Visit **portmoody.ca/municipalgov** for additional information on City services, decision making, and municipal planning.

Want to stay up to date? Key Council decisions are summarized at **portmoody.ca/council-highlights**.

Want to get in touch? If you have concerns or feedback, fill out our online form at **portmoody.ca/reportaproblem** or call 604.469.4574.

Community Fieldhouse construction continues

Construction of the Inlet Park Community Fieldhouse is underway and will continue in 2027. The three-storey fieldhouse, the third and final phase of the Inlet Park Redevelopment Project, is expected to be finished next fall. The building will include changerooms, public washrooms, a concession space, a catering kitchen, multi-purpose spaces, and indoor and outdoor viewing areas. When it's completed, it will be an accessible, inclusive, and welcoming space for residents and visitors alike. During construction, all efforts are being made to keep Inlet Park open for users while minimizing periods of disruption. Visit **portmoody.ca/inletpark** to view the project timeline and track progress as different elements of the building are completed.



Toy Drive helps families in need

This giving season, spread some joy with Port Moody Fire Rescue's annual Toy Drive. They will be accepting new, unwrapped toys at Inlet Centre Fire Hall (150 Newport Drive) until Tuesday, December 15, 2026. All donations will help to support local families via SHARE Family and Community Services.

2027 calendar available week of November 30

The City's signature calendar is our most popular publication – get yours starting the week of November 30! You'll find important dates, events, and waste collection schedules, as well as stunning photos – submitted by the community – that highlight 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.

Thank a Snow Star!

If a friend or neighbour goes above and beyond in keeping roads and sidewalks clear this winter, recognize them as a Snow Star! Take a moment to show your gratitude by filling out our nomination form at **portmoody.ca/snowstars**. Approved Snow Stars will receive a letter of thanks and a special toque as a token of appreciation



Sign up for Alertable to receive urgent information during a critical emergency

The City of Port Moody uses the Alertable emergency notification system to deliver targeted, urgent information directly to the residents, businesses, and visitors who would need to take action during a critical emergency. Visit **portmoody.ca/alertable** to sign up for free emergency alerts, which you can receive directly on your mobile phone through the Alertable app or by phone call, text message, or email. In addition to Port Moody, you can add neighbouring municipalities to your list of preferred locations.

Alertable is used only for time-specific, critical safety information and instructions. Through geo-targeting, Alertable helps us directly reach those who are impacted in a shorter amount of time, in situations where every second counts.

In an emergency within Port Moody, we'll also share critical, time-sensitive, actionable information through standard methods such as website alerts (at **portmoody.ca**), posts on the City's social media channels (Facebook, Instagram, Bluesky), signage, and door knocking as needed. Ongoing information updates will be shared through the City's website and social media platforms (not Alertable).

For incidents outside Port Moody, we'll direct residents, through our social media channels and/or our website, to the municipality or agency leading the response for up-to-date information. Residents with other locations added to their list of Alertable notifications may also receive alerts from other municipalities.

During an emergency, we also encourage you to check local news media – online (websites, social media) plus radio and television – for information and updates. Find tips and resources to help you prepare for an emergency in advance at **portmoody.ca/emergency**.



No more late fees at the library!

In September 2026, the Port Moody Public Library stopped charging fines for overdue items, and all existing fines were waived. This decision was made after carefully considering community input and the experiences of other libraries. Eliminating late fees removes financial barriers and helps everyone enjoy the library to its fullest.

Even without overdue fines, you do need to return the items you borrow! If you still have an item signed out 21 days past the due date, a replacement fee will be added to your account. This fee will be removed if the item is returned within 90 days.

We hope that giving borrowers a fresh start will encourage more people in Port Moody to enjoy the library.

CPKC Holiday Train Celebration

Dec 20, 2026 • 4:00pm–6:00pm
Recreation Complex (300 Ioco Road)

Come see the CPKC Holiday Train all decked out in lights! Festive activities will take place inside and outside the Recreation Complex from 4–6pm. The train will roll in behind Trasolini Field at 4:50pm, followed by live performances from Sam Roberts Band and Owen Riegling starting at 5:15pm. All activities are free; food and beverages are by donation. Please bring a cash or non-perishable food donation. **portmoody.ca/holidaytrain**

Special Holiday Skates

Lace up your skates and celebrate the season on the ice! Skate with Santa on December 20 (11am–12:30pm and 1–2:30pm), and/or enjoy a public skate on Christmas Eve (11:30am–1pm and 1:30–3pm) or New Year's Eve (1:30–3pm). Regular admission rates apply. Children seven years and younger must be with an adult supervisor, and children in strollers must be at least 12 months old and wear a helmet on the ice. Kids aged 10 and under must wear a CSA-approved hockey, ski, or snowboard helmet.

Centralized Recycling Day

Jan 9, 2027 • 10am–3pm
Civic Centre parking lot
(300 Ioco Road)

Wondering what to do with your used wrapping paper and packaging after the holidays? Recycle eligible waste at our Centralized Recycling Day! 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, or glass.

Port Moody Firefighters Local 2399 Tree Chip

Jan 2 and 3, 2027 • 10am–4pm
Inlet Centre Fire Hall (150 Newport Drive)

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 have been removed. Can't make it? Email **burnfund2399@gmail.com** to inquire about their tree pick-up service.

Keep moving – try our rec programs this winter



Keep moving and stay connected over the winter months! Register now for winter programs – including skating lessons, fitness and wellness classes, and sports, arts, and general interest activities for all ages – that begin in January 2027. Spring break camps for ages four to 16 are also open for registration. And in February, register for spring programs that begin in April. Browse programs and register online at **portmoody.ca/signmeup.**

Find our holiday skate schedule at portmoody.ca/publicskating

Healthy streams = healthy salmon



Some streams in Port Moody, such as Noons Creek, Mossom Creek, and Suter Brook Creek, are fish-bearing and provide habitat for salmon. We often focus on spawning season (October/November), when Pacific salmon return home in spectacular fashion to spawn (release eggs and sperm) in freshwater and die. But what happens next?

The eggs are fragile and many are destroyed, but some are successfully fertilized and develop into alevin (remaining hidden under gravel for protection) then fry (generally three to five centimetres long). Next, they transform into smolts, developing a silvery coating over their scales for camouflage. After growing into juvenile adults, they are ready to transition to the ocean, where they will develop into mature adults and prepare for their own spawning season.

Salmon need our help to survive during all their life stages – you can help protect them by reducing pollutants and keeping pets (and people) out of streams. Visit **portmoody.ca/streams** to learn more about how to keep our streams healthy.

Mark a storm drain with a fish decal to help keep streams healthy

As rainwater passes over roads, parking lots, driveways, and other paved surfaces, it picks up pollutants such as oils, fertilizers, solvents, and litter. This untreated rainwater is carried directly into local streams, creeks, and the Burrard Inlet via Port Moody's storm drains. Pollutants in the water can damage or destroy fish and wildlife habitat. That's why it's important to reduce the use of pollutants and learn about the impacts of dumping anything directly into a storm drain.

Marking storm drains with yellow fish decals helps raise awareness of the direct link between the untreated water that enters our storm sewers and its impact on fish habitat. You can help protect our streams and wildlife! Sign out a storm drain marking kit from the City's Public Works Yard and install a decal next to a storm drain in your neighbourhood. This is a great family-friendly stewardship opportunity that can be done at your convenience. You'll receive a special decal with instructions – it's quick and easy, with no need for yellow paint or stencils. Email **environment@portmoody.ca** today to request a marking kit.



Help us remove invasive plants

Help us protect our parks and natural environment by removing invasive plants along Port Moody's Shoreline Trail. Our current project is tackling English ivy and Himalayan blackberry, which continue to spread through the forest. Join us at our invasive plant removal event on Sunday, December 6, 2026 (rain or shine). If you can't make it on December 6, consider helping at a future event. Visit **portmoody.ca/environment** for more information.



Invasive plants are non-native species that grow quickly, reproduce rapidly, and often out-compete native vegetation for vital resources like water, light, space, and nutrients. Learn more at **portmoody.ca/invasiveplants**.

Expect traffic impacts during Ioco Road utility upgrades

The Ioco Road Utility Upgrades Project (Phase 1 – Ioco Road between First Avenue and April Road) is anticipated to begin soon with construction continuing into spring 2027. Drivers can expect lane closures, single lane alternating traffic, and detours during the construction period. Pedestrian access may also be temporarily disrupted with detours provided as needed. Traffic control personnel will be onsite. Access for emergency vehicles will be maintained at all times.

This project is a long term, multi phase program to replace underground utilities that are nearing the end of their service life cycle. As utility upgrades are completed, the City will make surface level improvements where possible to improve safety and travel along the corridor. Visit **portmoody.ca/ioco-upgrades** to learn more.

Renew your business licence or dog licence by February 1, 2027



Business licences

Business licence renewals are due by February 1, 2027. Invoices are sent by email in January of each year – your previous year's business licence will remain valid until the payment deadline. Once you receive your e-bill, you can pay online quickly and easily at **my.portmoody.ca**.



Dog licences

Don't forget to renew your dog licence in the New Year! Licences help keep dogs safe – a lost dog is more likely to be reunited with its owner if there is a licence on file. The City will send e-bills for licence renewals in early January. After you have received your e-bill, please arrange to make your payment by February 1, 2027 to ensure you receive a discount. Pay online at **my.portmoody.ca** or in person at City Hall.



Go paperless!

Skip the paper – receive your notices by email. If you haven't signed up for e-billing yet, create a **my.portmoody.ca** account today. Be sure to choose e-billing when you're registering a new account or editing an existing one.



Climb and play or shoot some hoops

The City recently completed two important projects that provide opportunities for outdoor play and sport. The playground for 5- to 12-year-olds at Art Wilkinson Park (492 Glencoe Drive) has more than doubled in size with the addition of a new climbing structure and ground play elements. City staff also updated the existing play structure and installed a rubberized playground surface to create more opportunities for active play.

And at the corner of Ioco Road and Murray Street, you'll find a new pop-up basketball court. Funded by the Province's Growing Communities Fund, this temporary space reflects the City's commitment to creating more opportunities for recreation, activity, and community connection. This site is also the new interim location of the Port Moody Winter Farmers Market, open Sundays (10am–2pm) through April 2027. Visit **portmoody.ca/parks** to find locations for all parks and basketball courts in Port Moody.



Drive with care in winter conditions

As we transition into winter, the Port Moody Police Department (PMPD) is reminding motorists to be prepared before hitting the road. Colder weather and darker days often lead to less favourable driving conditions. PMPD asks all drivers to:

- consider all-weather or winter tires (all-season tires perform poorly in road temperatures below seven degrees Celsius;
- keep an emergency first aid kit (with food and water) and a shovel or traction mat (in case tires get stuck in snow, ice, or mud) in your vehicle;
- plan a safe ride home – don't drive impaired (i.e. under the influence of substances such as alcohol or cannabis);
- check road conditions at **drivebc.ca** before you head out;
- slow down and give extra following distance; and
- watch out for pedestrians, cyclists, and e-scooter operators, who are less visible in dark and wet conditions.

Find more winter driving tips at **icbc.com**

Are you ready for snow?

Winter means having a snow shovel at the ready! Residents, strata corporations, and businesses are responsible for removing snow and ice from sidewalks bordering their property within 24 hours, or by 10am if the property is on a priority pedestrian route. Help us keep sidewalks clear and safe – find more information at **portmoody.ca/snowandice**. Don't forget to clear snow from fire hydrants to ensure emergency access, and from accessible parking spots and accessibility ramps to ensure access for everyone.

Be a good neighbour – please help others who may need assistance with shoveling snow.

Consider alternatives to candles this winter

Candles are popular home décor items, and they can be useful during winter storms when the power goes out. But it's important to remember that a candle is an open flame that can easily cause nearby objects to catch fire. Consider using alternatives this winter to prevent home fires and home fire deaths.

Think about using flameless candles in your home. They look a lot like real candles but use LED lights to create that warm, flickering glow. And have flashlights and other types of battery-powered lighting ready to use during a power outage.

If you decide to use traditional candles, follow these safety tips:

- never leave children or pets alone in a room with a burning candle, and keep matches and lighters out of reach;
- avoid using candles in the bedroom and other areas where people may fall asleep;
- blow out the flame (or use a candle snuffer) when you leave the room or go to bed;
- keep candles at least 12 inches away from anything that can burn; and
- light candles carefully – keep your hair and any loose clothing away from the flame.

Find more seasonal fire safety tips at **portmoody.ca/firerescue**.



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: Have you seen Port Moody's newest public mural, "West Coast" by artist Amy Bao? The special mural is a culmination of the SK8 Park Mural Project, a collaborative initiative that brought together local youth and a professional artist to create a meaningful and vibrant public artwork.

Blackberry Winter Arts Market
Until December 22
PoMoArts, 2425 St. Johns St.

Looking for a one-of-a-kind gift this holiday season? Head to the Blackberry Winter Arts Market, co-hosted by the Blackberry Artists' Society and PoMoArts. pomoarts.ca

Port Moody Winter Farmers Market
Sundays through April 24, 10am–2pm
Corner of Ioco Rd. and Murray St.

Stop by every Sunday in the winter months for local BC produce, artisan crafts, and delicious baked goods. makebakegrow.com

Port Moody Christmas Craft Fair
December 5, 10am–4pm
Civic Centre, 100 Newport Dr.

Discover unique, handmade gifts from local artisans, crafters, and makers at the 11th Annual Port Moody Christmas Craft Fair! Admission is $2.00 at the door. Part of the proceeds go directly to the SHARE Family & Community Services Food Bank. pmcraftfair.weebly.com

Community Invasive Plant Removal Event
December 6, 9–11am and 12–2pm
Meet at Inlet Community Garden
3000 block Murray St.

Help us protect our parks and natural environment by removing invasive plants in the forest adjacent to the Shoreline Trail. Physical, off-trail work is required. Register at portmoody.ca/signmeup.

Port Moody Film Society showings
December 11, January 8, and February 12, 7:30pm
Inlet Theatre
100 Newport Drive

The not-for-profit Port Moody Film Society publicly screens high-quality independent films from around the world. Check their website for listings. pmfilm.ca

Inlet Music Series
December 19, January 23, February 20, March 20, and April 17, 7:30pm
Inlet Theatre, 100 Newport Dr.

Check out monthly live music with a diverse mix of artists and genres. Visit inletmusicsociety.com for a list of performers and ticketing information.

Penguin Plunge
January 1, 11:30am registration, 1pm plunge
Rocky Point Pier
2800 block Murray St.

Ring in the New Year with a cold plunge into Burrard Inlet! Crossroads Hospice Society is set to host this fundraiser at Rocky Point Park Pier. crossroadshospice.org

Great Backyard Bird Count
February 12-15
Anywhere

Each February, for four days, the world comes together for the love of birds. You're invited to spend time in your favorite places watching and counting as many birds as you can find and reporting your results to the Great Backyard Bird Count. birdcount.org

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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.

Contact Information

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City Hall	604.469.4500
Mayor & Council	604.469.4501
City Manager	604.469.4521
Building	604.469.4534
Bylaws & Licensing	604.469.4541
Engineering	604.469.4619
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 Ioco 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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