WHAT'S HAPPENING

WED NOV. 25 TO SUN NOV. 29 · CAMPBELL RIVER · PORT MCNEILL · PORT HARDY

This week: Wednesday Nov. 25 to Sunday Nov. 29. FREE marks free admission. Confirm start times with each organizer before you go.

WED NOV. 25

Overnight Campbell River · Warming centre, Campbell River Community Centre. Times on the city's site FREE

THU NOV. 26

Evening Campbell River · Council meeting, Extreme Weather Plan update on the agenda. Times on the city's site FREE

FRI NOV. 27

Port McNeill · Gingerbread House Pro-D Day for kids, the Old School. Register with the town. Times on the organizer's site

Campbell River · Storm vs Oceanside Generals, Rod Brind'Amour Arena. Times on the league's site

SAT NOV. 28

Port McNeill · A Christmas Celtic Celebration, Highland dancers, Gate House Theatre. Times on the organizer's site

SUN NOV. 29

Campbell River · Pancakes and Pajamas, Eagles Hall, for the Children's Health Foundation. Times on the organizer's site

Port McNeill · A Christmas Celtic Celebration, matinee, Gate House Theatre. Times on the organizer's site

Nanaimo · Storm at Nanaimo Buccaneers. Times on the league's site

Port Hardy · Festival of Lights parade, light-up and harbour parade, Carrot Park. Times on the organizer's site

COMING UP

Fri. Dec. 4 Campbell River · Big Truck Parade. Times on the organizer's site

Fri. Dec. 11 Mount Washington · Planned opening day, snow permitting

THIS WEEK · HANDY NOTES

Port Hardy ER. Closes at 5 p.m. and reopens at 7 a.m. After hours, call 911. The nearest open ER is in Port McNeill. Page 2.

Weather. ECCC rainfall warnings were up for Campbell River and Port Hardy on Wednesday. Forecast on page 10.

Warming centre. Campbell River opened its overnight centre Wednesday night. Council weighs wet-weather rules Thursday. Page 3.

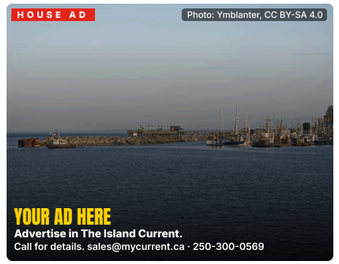
Your MLA. Anna Kindy is now minister of state for rural development. Page 4.

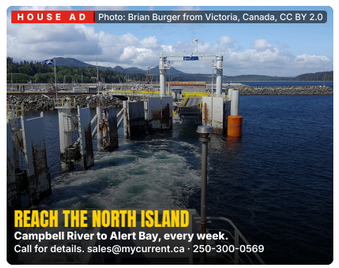
GET YOUR EVENT IN NEXT WEEK'S PAPER

Send the date, time, place and an organizer contact to sales@mycurrent.ca by Monday. Listings are free. Ads: call for details at 250-300-0569.

Sources: City of Campbell River, Town of Port McNeill, District of Port Hardy, Gate House Theatre, Children's Health Foundation of Vancouver Island, Destination Campbell River, Mount Washington Alpine Resort, VIJHL and team schedules, Campbell River Mirror, North Island Gazette, Island Happenings. Coverage from Campbell River to Port Hardy.

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Reach readers from Campbell River to Alert Bay. Call for details.
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PORT HARDY · HEALTH

KEEP THE RURAL ERS OPEN

A Port Hardy mother died last Thursday after arriving minutes after the town's ER closed for the night. This week, Victoria's written order to the new health minister put rural emergency rooms first. Pages 2 and 4.

STORM
OCEANSIDE AT THE BRINDY FRIDAY
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PORT HARDY · NOV. 19

PORT HARDY FAMILY WANTS THE ER OPEN ALL NIGHT

BY THE ISLAND CURRENT NEWS DESK

The family of a Port Hardy woman who died at the town's hospital last Thursday is asking for the emergency room to stay open around the clock. They have named her as Courtney McCowan, 48.

B.C. Emergency Health Services says a paramedic at Port Hardy Hospital learned on Thursday, Nov. 19, shortly after the 5 p.m. close, that a patient in the parking lot needed help. Paramedics treated her outside before she was taken in. She did not survive.

Island Health says it is reviewing the case with B.C. Emergency Health Services and is "taking the situation extremely seriously."

For nearly four years the town's ER has shut its doors each evening at five, a schedule first billed as temporary. After hours, the nearest open ER is at Port McNeill Hospital, down the highway.

In an emergency, call 911.

Sources: B.C. Emergency Health Services and Island Health statements as reported by CBC News, CHEK News, the Times Colonist, Global News and Island Magazine. Rewritten.

VICTORIA · HEALTH

VICTORIA'S ORDER TO THE HEALTH MINISTER: KEEP RURAL ERS OPEN

Rural hospitals sit at the top of the job list Premier Lorne Doerkson handed Health Minister Ryan Peterson on Tuesday, Nov. 24. The first line of the letter orders rural ERs and maternity wards kept open, using flexible staffing and a new $50 million Rural Health Emergency Fund.

Anna Kindy, the North Island MLA and new minister of state for rural development, responded to the Port Hardy death on Facebook. "Minutes matter in a medical emergency…" she wrote. Backing the health minister on rural ERs and maternity care is the first task in her own letter.

Island Health says it wants the Port Hardy ER back on a 24-hour schedule and is working on that with the Ministry of Health. Nobody has named a date.

Sources: mandate letters to Ryan Peterson and Anna Kindy (official record), Times Colonist (Canadian Press), CHEK News, ThinkPol, CBC News, Island Magazine. Rewritten.

WHAT HAPPENS NEXT

· Island Health and B.C. Emergency Health Services are reviewing the case.

· The family is calling for the ER to stay open around the clock.

· Island Health says it is working with the Ministry of Health on a return to 24-hour service. No date has been set.

From Island Health, B.C. Emergency Health Services and the family, as reported above.

5 P.M.
ER CLOSES EVERY NIGHT

24/7
THE FAMILY'S ASK

NEARLY 4
YEARS OF NIGHTLY CLOSURES



Port Hardy, across Hardy Bay. Photo: Darren Kirby from Penticton, Canada, CC BY-SA 2.0

TEEN CULTURE

WHAT THEY ACTUALLY PLAY

A quick guide for North Island parents and grandparents on what teens and tweens are playing, using and saying. The tips are our own advice.



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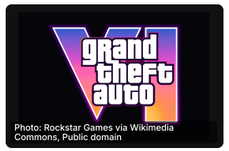


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BIG GAMES RIGHT NOW

GTA VI · FORTNITE · ROBLOX · MINECRAFT · SWITCH 2

GTA VI is out on PS5 and Xbox Series X and S. The ESRB rates it M, Mature 17+, so talk about it before it goes under the tree. For any other game on the list, look up its rating with the ESRB before you buy, and read why it got that rating. Whatever they play, check the chat and spending settings on every console and account.

GTA VI rating: ESRB, Take-Two, Radio Times. Tips are our own advice.

SLANG DECODER

Cooked In big trouble, or worn out. As in: I forgot to study, I am cooked.

Lock in Focus hard on a task. As in: exams tomorrow, time to lock in.

Rizz Charm, or a knack for flirting. As in: that kid has rizz.

Cap / no cap Cap means a lie, and no cap means no lie. As in: no cap, the homework took an hour.

Our tip: knowing the words helps you follow along. You do not need to use them.

Axis, Bark and FamilyEducation parent slang guides

HOW TO ASK ABOUT IT

Skip "what is cooked." Try "who do you play with after school" and "does anyone ask you to move the chat."

Ask what they would do if a stranger offered free V-Bucks or a gift link. One calm question beats a lecture.

Listen first. End with "I am glad you told me." Keep the talk under five minutes the first time so they come back.

Ask them to show you one game they love. Let them be the expert for ten minutes.

Our own advice for parents

APPS TEENS USE · MINIMUM AGES AND ONE TIP EACH

YouTube Tip: watch together first, then pick the account and viewing settings together.

TikTok 13+. Tip: set a daily time limit together.

Instagram 13+. Tip: review each safety setting together.

Snapchat 13+. Tip: turn off location sharing on the map and check the friend list together.

Discord 13+. Tip: limit who can send direct messages.

Roblox Tip: link a parent account, then set spending and chat limits.

Console parties Xbox and PlayStation. Tip: use family accounts and turn off open chat with strangers.

Switch 2 Tip: turn on the parental controls before the first game. Watch online spending on the console.

SCREEN-TIME SETTINGS TO CHECK THIS WEEK

· Turn on a nightly downtime window on phone and tablet accounts
· Cap App Store / Google Play and console spend to a weekly limit you both know
· Review who can message them on Discord, Snapchat and Roblox
· Keep bedroom chargers downstairs on school nights
· Ask which game voice chat stays on after 9 p.m.
· Require approval for new app installs on their device
· Walk through the safety settings on YouTube and TikTok together
· Set a shared rule for phones at the dinner table

Ages: platform terms, MediaSmarts, Westwind School Division, Lethbridge Police Service, West Vancouver Schools, Cybertip.ca. Settings list is our own advice.



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PROTECT YOUR KIDS

GTA VI IS OUT. HERE IS WHAT PARENTS SHOULD KNOW

Grand Theft Auto VI went on sale Nov. 19 for PlayStation 5 and Xbox Series X and S. The ESRB rates it M for Mature 17+.

If it is under the tree or already in the house, talk about it first. Set console family controls for online play and spending, and decide together whether voice chat with strangers stays off.

Sources: Take-Two Interactive, Polygon, GamesNews, ESRB, Radio Times. Rewritten.

Do this today: Open the console family settings, set a spend limit and turn off voice chat with strangers.

Also this week

Free V-Bucks? Skip the link
Treat any offer of free game money in chat as a trick. Ask which gift links they have seen this week. Buy only through the official Epic or console store.

Stranger chat rules that stick
No sharing full name, school, address or phone. No meeting anyone from online. No moving a chat to a private app without telling a parent. Write the three rules on a fridge card.

Privacy settings on the apps they use
Go through the settings once, then check monthly. Pick the one app they use most and finish its family or teen safety setup together.

Tips are our own advice for parents. Report online exploitation of a child to Cybertip.ca.

CHECK BACK NEXT WEEK

A new edition every week, with fresh slang, game news and one Protect Your Kids tip. Pick up The Island Current each week.

WINTER FINDS

Gift ideas for a wet coast winter

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FIND IT FIRST

Gift ideas



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TRAVEL MUG

Hot coffee for the drive up Highway 19.

ASK AT LOCAL SHOPS



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CAMERA TRIPOD

Steady shots of storm surf and eagles.

ASK AT LOCAL SHOPS



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HAND WARMERS

Pocket heat for the rink and the dock.

ASK AT LOCAL SHOPS



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WOOL BLANKET

Truck seat, cabin couch or the hockey stands.

ASK AT LOCAL SHOPS

Gift ideas from the news desk. No prices listed and no paid placement. Ask at your local shops on the North Island.

LIVING ON THE NORTH ISLAND

WEATHER · STORM SEASON · WINTER READY

NORTH ISLAND WEATHER · ECCC FORECAST

Issued Wed. Nov. 25, 4:00 PM PST

ECCC ALERT · Campbell River: Orange Warning · Rainfall
ECCC ALERT · Campbell River: Yellow Warning · Coastal Flooding
ECCC ALERT · Campbell River: Yellow Warning · Wind
ECCC ALERT · Port Hardy: Orange Warning · Rainfall
ECCC ALERT · Port Hardy: Yellow Warning · Coastal Flooding

CAMPBELL RIVER

TONIGHT	THURSDAY	THURSDAY NIGHT
Temperature steady near 10	High 11	Low 7
Rain at times heavy	Chance of showers	Chance of showers
FRIDAY	**FRIDAY NIGHT**	**SATURDAY**
High 10	Low plus 5	High 8
Periods of rain	Cloudy	Cloudy

PORT HARDY

TONIGHT	THURSDAY	THURSDAY NIGHT
Temperature steady near 8	Temperature steady near 9	Temperature steady near 7
Rain at times heavy	Showers	Chance of showers
FRIDAY	**FRIDAY NIGHT**	**SATURDAY**
High 9	Low plus 5	High 7
Chance of showers	Chance of showers	Sunny

Source: Environment and Climate Change Canada. Forecast as issued. Check weather.gc.ca for updates.

POWER OUT? FIVE-MINUTE CHECKS

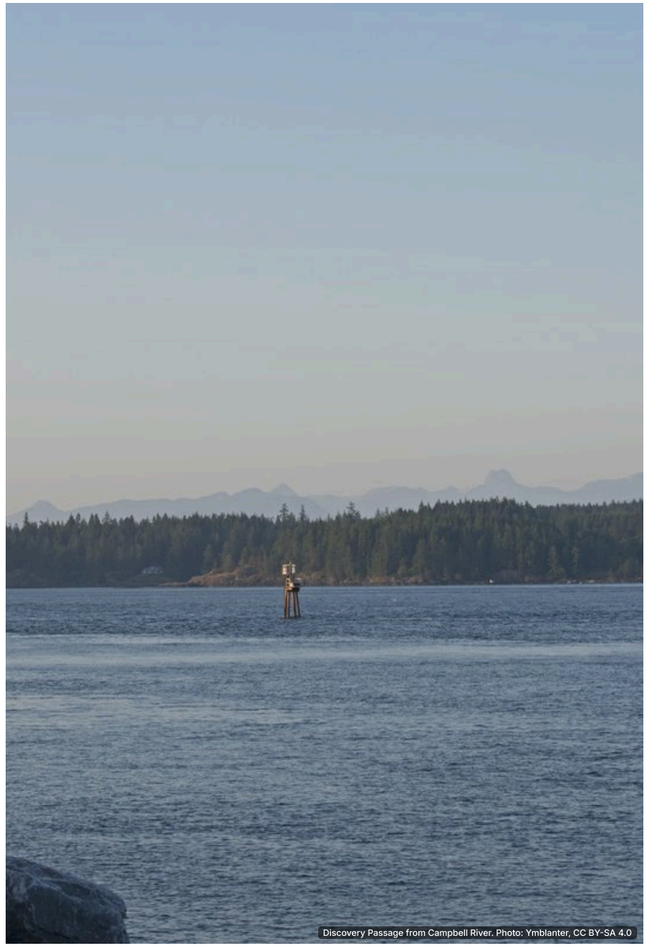
- Keep flashlights and fresh batteries where you can find them in the dark.
- Store a few days of water and food that needs no cooking.
- Never run a generator or barbecue indoors or in the garage.
- Keep the fridge and freezer shut to hold the cold.
- Check on older neighbours after a long outage.

WINTER DRIVING · HIGHWAY 19

- Check DriveBC before you leave, every time.
- Slow down in heavy rain and watch for standing water.
- Keep a blanket, snacks and a full tank on long runs north.
- Watch for elk and deer at dusk.

AROUND THE REGION

CAMPBELL RIVER · PORT HARDY · PORT ALICE · STORM WATCH



Discovery Passage from Campbell River. Photo: Ymblanter, CC BY-SA 4.0



Campbell River. Photo: Buiobuione, CC BY-SA 4.0

WEATHER · ECCC

RAIN WARNINGS STAY UP AS THE WEEK'S STORMS ROLL THROUGH

BY THE ISLAND CURRENT NEWS DESK

Environment and Climate Change Canada had orange rainfall warnings in effect for Campbell River and Port Hardy on Wednesday, with a yellow coastal flooding warning for both and a wind warning for Campbell River.

Heavy rain and strong gusts were forecast for Wednesday night. The full forecast is on page 10.

Stay back from fast rivers and soft banks. King tides are pushing water levels higher along the coast, so keep clear of shorelines and flooded roads until the warnings end.

Sources: Environment and Climate Change Canada forecasts issued Nov. 25 (official record), B.C. River Forecast Centre via EmergencyInfoBC, North Island Gazette, CBC News, Times Colonist. Rewritten.

CAMPBELL RIVER · CITY HALL

CAMPBELL RIVER OPENS ITS WARMING CENTRE AS COUNCIL WEIGHS WET-WEATHER RULES

The City of Campbell River opened its warming centre at the Campbell River Community Centre for Wednesday night, Nov. 25, as wind and heavy rain hit the city. Times on the city's site. Anyone who needs a warm place for a short stay can come in.

Under the current Extreme Weather Plan, the centre opens on cold nights, at minus 4 or colder, or at zero or colder with an Environment Canada warning. Council meets Thursday evening, Nov. 26, with an update to the plan on the agenda. Times on the city's site.

Sources: City of Campbell River releases, plan and meeting schedule (official record), My Campbell River Now, Campbell River Mirror. Rewritten.

STORM READY · NORTH ISLAND

- Check DriveBC before any highway trip, and BC Ferries before heading to the dock.
- Keep a flashlight, water and a charged phone battery at home.
- Never drive through water across a road.
- Stay off beaches and seawalls during king tides and big surf.
- Report downed lines to BC Hydro and stay well back.

Practical tips from the news desk.

SEND US YOUR TOWN'S NEWS

Sayward, Port McNeill, Alert Bay, Port Alice and the west road. Tell us what council decided, who won the game and what is coming up. Email sales@mycurrent.ca or call 250-300-0569.

PROVINCIAL · CABINET SWORN IN NOV. 20

KINDY JOINS CABINET AS MINISTER OF STATE FOR RURAL DEVELOPMENT

BY THE ISLAND CURRENT NEWS DESK

North Island MLA Anna Kindy was sworn in on Friday, Nov. 20, as B.C.'s minister of state for rural development, the same day Premier Lorne Doerkson named his first cabinet. She was re-elected for the Conservatives in the North Island riding on Oct. 24.

Kindy, a physician, was first elected in 2024.

Her mandate letter, dated Nov. 24, gives her three jobs. Support the health minister in keeping rural ERs and maternity wards open. Help build a plan for rural investment and jobs. Work with First Nations and rural towns on provincial decisions that affect them.

Sources: B.C. government release Nov. 20, cabinet list and Kindy mandate letter (official record), Campbell River Mirror, Times Colonist, BC Ballot. Rewritten.

YOUR REPRESENTATIVES

North Island MLA Anna Kindy, Conservative. Re-elected Oct. 24.

North Island-Powell River MP Aaron Gunn, Conservative.

From Elections BC, BC Ballot, Elections Canada and the House of Commons.

AT THE TABLE THIS WEEK

Thu. Nov. 26, evening Campbell River council. The Extreme Weather Plan update is on the agenda. Times on the city's site.

From the City of Campbell River and the Campbell River Mirror. Check before you go.

TELL US WHAT YOUR COUNCIL SAID

Sat in the gallery at Port Hardy, Port McNeill, Sayward or Alert Bay this week? Send notes to sales@mycurrent.ca.

$13,216	$32,000	$50M	$1,000
BASIC PERSONAL AMOUNT NOW	BASIC PERSONAL AMOUNT	RURAL HEALTH EMERGENCY FUND	TAX SAVING PER PERSON, 2027



The B.C. Legislature. Photo: Michal Klajban, CC BY-SA 4.0

PROVINCIAL · MANDATE LETTERS NOV. 24

THE NEW RULE IN VICTORIA: SPEND LESS AND OPEN THE BOOKS

Every mandate letter released on Nov. 24 carries the same warning from the premier. "Restoring fiscal discipline is a central obligation of every minister," it reads. Ministers are told to control spending and cut waste.

Finance Minister Peter Milobar is told to name an independent panel right away to look at "the Province's true fiscal position" and to make its findings public.

On tax, the basic personal amount, the income you can earn before owing provincial income tax, is set to rise to $32,000 from $13,216 for the 2027 tax year. The letter puts the saving at about $1,000 a person.

Sources: Office of the Premier release Nov. 24 and mandate letters (official record), CBC News, Times Colonist (Canadian Press). Quotes from the letters. Rewritten.

> *"Restoring fiscal discipline is a central obligation of every minister."*
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> PREMIER LORNE DOERKSON · MANDATE LETTERS, NOV. 24

SUDOKU

Medium · new puzzle

Fill every row, column and 3×3 box with the digits 1 to 9. One solution only. Answer on page 12.

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WORD SEARCH

This week on the North Island

Words run across, down or diagonally, forward only.

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WARMING
GINGERBREAD
KINDY
SAYWARD
WASHINGTON

NEWS QUIZ

Every answer is somewhere in this issue.

1. What new cabinet job does North Island MLA Anna Kindy hold?
2. What time does the Port Hardy Hospital emergency department close each night?
3. How big is the Rural Health Emergency Fund in the health minister's mandate letter?
4. What will the provincial basic personal amount rise to?
5. Which team do the Storm host on Friday, Nov. 27?
6. On what date is Port Hardy's Festival of Lights?
7. On what date does Mount Washington plan to open?
8. Where in Port McNeill is A Christmas Celtic Celebration on stage?

Answers: 1. Minister of state for rural development. 2. 5 p.m. 3. $50 million. 4. $32,000. 5. Oceanside Generals. 6. Sunday, Nov. 29. 7. Dec. 11. 8. The Gate House Theatre. Scramble: Hardy, Sayward, McNeill, Alert, Alice, Woss, Sointula, Quadra.

NORTH ISLAND BRAIN TEASER

Say a storm drops 30 mm of rain on Port Hardy on Wednesday night and 10 mm more on Thursday. Port Alice gets 70 mm on Wednesday night alone. How many more millimetres fell on Port Alice than on Port Hardy over those two periods?

Answer: 30 mm. Port Hardy got 40 mm in total, Port Alice 70 mm.

TOWN SCRAMBLE

Unscramble these North Island place names. Answers are upside down under the quiz.

DYRAH	WADYRAS
LILCENM	TRELA
LECIA	SOWS
TUILONAS	DARQA



Carrot Park in Port Hardy. Photo: dvs from Vermont, USA, CC BY 2.0

PORT HARDY · SUN. NOV. 29

PORT HARDY'S FESTIVAL OF LIGHTS IS SUNDAY

BY THE ISLAND CURRENT NEWS DESK

Port Hardy Rotary holds its Festival of Lights on Sunday, Nov. 29, at Carrot Park, with a parade to start the Christmas season. Times on the organizer's site.

Sources: District of Port Hardy events page, Island Happenings, North Island Gazette, Rotary letter to council. Rewritten.

PORT MCNEILL · GATE HOUSE THEATRE

HIGHLAND DANCERS BRING A CELTIC CHRISTMAS TO THE GATE HOUSE

Local Highland dancers present A Christmas Celtic Celebration at the Gate House Theatre in Port McNeill, with a show on Saturday, Nov. 28, and a matinee on Sunday, Nov. 29. Times on the organizer's site.

Sources: Gate House Theatre, Island Happenings, Enjoy Vancouver Island, North Island Gazette. Rewritten.

FAMILY DAYS THIS WEEK

Fri. Nov. 27 Gingerbread House Pro-D Day for kids, the Old School, Port McNeill. Register with the Town of Port McNeill. Times on the organizer's site.

Sun. Nov. 29 Pancakes and Pajamas, Eagles Hall, Campbell River. Times on the organizer's site. Supports the Children's Health Foundation of Vancouver Island.

From the Town of Port McNeill, the Children's Health Foundation of Vancouver Island and community listings.

COMING UP NEXT WEEK

Fri. Dec. 4 Big Truck Parade in downtown Campbell River. Times on the organizer's site.

Campbell River Mirror and organizer listings.

LIST YOUR EVENT FREE

Markets, light-ups, fundraisers and church suppers from Sayward to Alert Bay. Send the date, time, place and a contact to sales@mycurrent.ca by Monday for the next issue.

EDITORIAL · THE ISLAND CURRENT

PUT THE MONEY AT THE BEDSIDE, AND START IN PORT HARDY

For nearly four years the emergency room in Port Hardy has locked its doors at 5 p.m. It was called temporary. Last Thursday a 48-year-old mother arrived shortly after closing time and did not survive. The reviews will tell us what happened that night. The North Island already knows what has to change.

Victoria has finally written it down. The new health minister's mandate letter puts rural emergency rooms first, with flexible staffing and a $50 million Rural Health Emergency Fund. In our view, that is the right order of business.

But a fund is not a doctor. The same letters tell the finance minister to bring management and office staffing back in line with population growth, without cutting the frontline. That is how it should work. Every dollar saved in an office in Victoria should be spent where patients actually are, on nurses and doctors in places like Port Hardy.

We believe small government and good rural care go together. Spend less on overhead, spend it well at the bedside, and give Port Hardy a date for 24-hour care. North Islanders have waited long enough.

> *"A fund is not a doctor. Spend it where patients actually are."*
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> EDITORIAL · THE ISLAND CURRENT

Facts from B.C. Emergency Health Services and Island Health statements as reported by CBC News, CHEK News and the Times Colonist, and from the Nov. 24 mandate letters (official record), the Times Colonist and CBC News. The opinion is ours and is labelled Editorial.



The welcome sign in Port Hardy. Photo: dvs from Vermont, USA, CC BY 2.0

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

SEND US YOUR LETTER

sales@mycurrent.ca Have something to say about the North Island, a story in this paper or a decision at your council table? Write to us. Keep it under 200 words and include your name and community. We may edit for length and clarity. Letters are the writer's opinion, not the paper's.

HOW WE WORK

Our news is local, current and written in our own words. Each story lists where the facts came from. Opinion runs on this page only and is labelled Editorial. Spot an error? Email sales@mycurrent.ca or call 250-300-0569.



Campbell River's waterfront. Photo: Darren Kirby from Penticton, Canada, CC BY-SA 2.0

VIJHL · STORM

STORM HOST OCEANSIDE FRIDAY, THEN HEAD TO NANAIMO

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HOME TO OCEANSIDE

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AT NANAIMO

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GAMES THIS WEEKEND

BY THE ISLAND CURRENT NEWS DESK

The Campbell River Storm play two Vancouver Island Junior Hockey League games this weekend. They host the Oceanside Generals on Friday, Nov. 27, at Rod Brind'Amour Arena, then visit the Nanaimo Buccaneers on Sunday, Nov. 29. Times on the league's site.

Scores and standings are posted on the league's site after every game.

Sources: VIJHL game recaps, Campbell River Mirror, Elite Prospects, Campbell River Storm schedule, FloHockey. Rewritten.

STORM · THIS WEEK

Fri. Nov. 27	vs Oceanside, Rod Brind'Amour Arena
Sun. Nov. 29	at Nanaimo Buccaneers

Times on the league's site.
Dates from the Campbell River Mirror and the team and league schedules.

GO TO A GAME

Junior hockey is one of the best nights out in Campbell River. Bring a toque, grab a coffee and sit near the glass at the Brindy.

Coaches and team volunteers in Port Hardy, Port McNeill and Sayward: send next week's schedule and scores to sales@mycurrent.ca and we will list them.



Skiing at Mount Washington. Photo: Doug Hay, CC BY 2.0

OUTDOORS · SKI SEASON

MOUNT WASHINGTON AIMS TO OPEN DEC. 11

BY THE ISLAND CURRENT NEWS DESK

Mount Washington Alpine Resort plans to open the 2026-27 ski season on Friday, Dec. 11. Opening day depends on weather and snow.

Sources: Mount Washington Alpine Resort, Comox Valley Record, CHEK News, Nanaimo News Bulletin. Rewritten.

GET READY FOR THE HILL

· Check the resort's lift status and road report before you leave.
· Carry chains or run proper winter tires on the mountain road.
· Get skis and boards tuned now, before the opening rush.
· Pack layers, a spare toque and dry gloves for the kids.

RINK AND SLOPE WEEK

Fri. Nov. 27	Storm vs Oceanside, Rod Brind'Amour Arena
Sun. Nov. 29	Storm at Nanaimo Buccaneers
Fri. Dec. 11	Mount Washington planned opening day, snow permitting

Game times on the league's site.
From team, league and resort listings.

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